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Man killed was unauthorized to work

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REPORTER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has found out that the man who was killed after falling from a scaffold at the construction site of the Imperial Pacific Resort project in Garapan last March 22 was a tourist and therefore unauthorized to work in the Commonwealth.

The FBI also recovered a document during last week's search on the second floor of the two-story Kase II Building in Garapan that lists over 150 "hei-gong," the Chinese term for "undocumented workers."

The FBI's search was against MCC International and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd. MCC is a construction contractor for Imperial Pacific's

» **Document recovered during search contains list of 150 illegal workers**

multi-million-dollar resort and casino project in Garapan. Beilida Overseas is a subcontractor of MCC.

FBI special agent Joe W. McDoulett disclosed the discovery of the immigration status of the person who was killed as well as the list of those allegedly working illegally in separate criminal complaints charging

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DLNR's Seman passes away

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The Department of Lands and Natural Resources lost an important member of its team yesterday morning with the unexpected passing of Secretary Richard Seman. He was 55 years old.

It was learned that Seman was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center around 6am yesterday morning and was pronounced dead on arrival. The cause of his death was not immediately disclosed.

Flags were flown at half-staff in government offices and the Legislature after news of his passing came out. Message of condolences also poured in on social media sites.

Seman survived by his wife Lor-



Richard Seman

raine, and children Vynicia, Richard, Jon, Anthony, and Lorisha, and his grandchildren.

Seman was born on Feb. 26, 1962. In his 55 years of life, Seman took on many roles and served the Com-

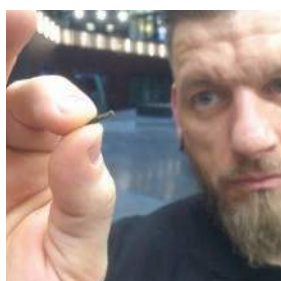
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JON PEREZ

House sergeant-at-arms Pedro Towai flies the United States and CNMI flags at half-staff after the passing of Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard B. Seman yesterday.

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Swedish startup Epicenter implants its workers with micro-chips.

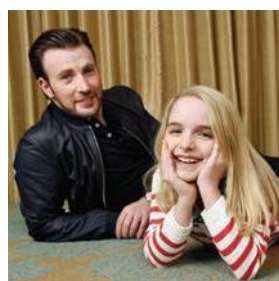
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ERWIN ENCINARES

Members of the Board of Education pose with members of the community after proclaiming April as Chamorro Carolinian Language Cultural Heritage month.

Local

April is Indigenous Heritage Month

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REPORTER

April was proclaimed as the Chamorro Carolinian Cultural and Indigenous Heritage Month on Monday at Kagman High School.

Jonas Barcinas, the newly appointed head of the Public School System Chamorro Carolinian Language and Heritage Studies, led the proclamation signing. Others in attendance were acting Board of Education chair Janice Tenorio, other board members, and Saipan Mayor David Apatang.

The proclamation recognizes the importance of the Chamorro and Carolinian languages and their preservation and continued use throughout the CNMI.


"We don't want to be like Hawaii or Guam, where

we don't speak our [native tongue] to later find out, 20 or 30 years down the line, that we need to protect [our language]. By then, it is too late," said Barcinas. "Our culture is our daily life. If we teach our kids all of this, no matter where they go, they would carry the culture."

Barcinas used to be principal of Dandan Elementary School before being assigned to Hopwood Middle School. Barcinas was appointed as the new program manager of the CCLHS early this year.

"We need to continue our traditions. We need to continue speaking Chamorro and Carolinian and keep our culture alive," Apatang said.

Tenorio agreed. "I am for the cultural promotion of Chamorro and Carolinian in education," she said.



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We can document this long term change through photographs and tide charts. Each of these serves as a record of tidal change. Documenting high tides now can help us know how future sea level rise might affect us.



Photographs

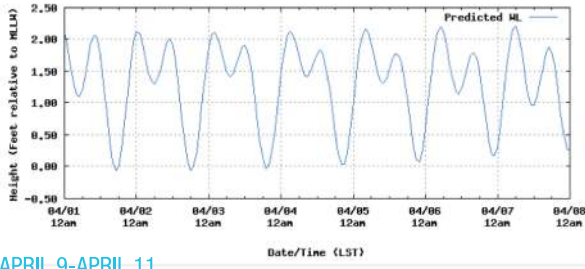
Please upload your photo of high tide or low tide from April 1—April 9 for Environmental Awareness Month. Photographing tides is one way to help planners and natural resource managers prepare for the impacts of climate change. Ideally, you'll want your image to capture the highest water line or the lowest water line. However, all images and associated data are helpful for the objectives of the Citizen Science project.

Take your photo facing parallel to the shoreline. If available, include some sort of feature in your picture – wall, bunkers, docks, or rocks make good markers.

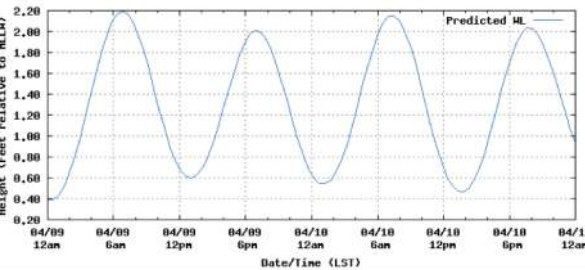
How these photos are used:

1. Document current tidal change in coastal areas
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APRIL 1-APRIL 8



APRIL 9-APRIL 11



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Ex-recruiter settles US govt lawsuit for \$15,000

A former National Guard recruiting assistant has agreed to settle her case with the Army National Guard for \$15,000.

Ana Maria A. Mendiola, who is accused of defrauding the Army National Guard by claiming to have nominated four potential soldiers over a two-year period, agreed to make monthly payments over

the next three years (36 payments) to satisfy the \$15,000 settlement.

Mendiola and her counsel, Robert T. Torres, and assistant U.S. attorney Mikel W. Schwab informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI of the settlement on Monday. They will seek to have the U.S. civil lawsuit dismissed

upon receipt of the settlement amount. Each party agrees to bear its own court costs and attorneys' fees.

Under the deal, Mendiola will make payments but she does not admit to any criminal or wrongful behavior.

Schwab alleged in the civil complaint that Mendiola, who is a resident of Rota, received a total of \$7,000 for the four fraudulently claimed potential soldiers.

The U.S. government is suing Mendiola for four counts of violation of False Claims Act, one count of unjust enrichment, and one count of payment by mistake.

Schwab asked the court to hold Mendiola liable to pay the U.S. government a total of \$21,000 for damages, as well as penalties and court costs.

According to Schwab, from 2005 to 2012, the Army National Guard ran the Army National Guard Recruiting Assistance Program. Mendiola allegedly claimed to have recruited four soldiers and received cash incentives for doing so. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Man admits to selling 'ice'

A man accused of selling methamphetamine or "ice" last year has pleaded guilty in federal court as part of a plea deal.

Yang Kang Chen, also known as Akam, Ah-Kong, and Ken, pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substance.

Chen's change of plea hearing was held last Jan. 27, but the record of the proceeding as well as the plea agreement and other documents were sealed at the parties' request. The parties agreed yesterday to unseal

the documents.

Defense counsel Bruce Berline and the U.S. Attorney's Office said it is no longer necessary to maintain the seal.

Chen will be sentenced on May 17, 2017.

According to police, Chen sold 6.6 grams of methamphetamine to an individual working as a confidential source for the Drug Enforcement Administration at the American Memorial Park in Garapan on May 17, 2016. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Angello cites 21-month delay in SSA case

John A. Angello had been waiting for 21 months for his complaint against the Social Security Administration to move forward yet the case had seemingly stalled.

Angello told the federal court yesterday that he has yet to be notified of any hearing in connection with his complaint over the alleged improper calculation of his retirement benefits, among other claims.

Angello said these "egregious delays" are "due to a forced and oppressive SSA appeal process" and are unjustifiable.

The federal court earlier dismissed Angello's lawsuit against acting SSA Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin. In an order in September 2016, Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the U.S. District Court for the NMI granted Colvin's motion to dismiss Angello's

suit for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Manglona had also denied Angello's motion to stay proceedings and directed the court's clerk to close the case.

Angello is saying now that he would feel a sense of remissness to not notify the court of SSA's continued "dilatory attitude."

In her earlier dismissal of Angello's case, Manglona had said the district court lacks jurisdiction to review SSA's nonfinal actions.

Manglona said hopefully, the U.S. government's counsel will continue to offer its assistance to Angello in communicating with the Hearing Office, and he will get a hearing within a reasonable time, taking into account that his is not the only review the Hearing Office has to schedule. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Employers urged to take part in NMC's Annual Career Fair

Northern Marianas College is inviting employers from different companies and organizations to participate in its annual Career Fair on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom. The fair will begin at 9am and end at 12pm.

The NMC Career Fair provides government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit organizations to connect with prospective employees and job applicants. Organizations can also promote their summer jobs, internships, and career opportunities.

The following organizations have already confirmed their participation: CNMI Department of Labor - WIA, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Public School System,

DFS Saipan Ltd., Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., MarPac, Marianas Medical Center, J.C. Tenorio Ent., Inc., Hyatt Regency Saipan, Imperial Pacific International, Office of Personnel Management, Kensington Hotel, and NMC's Human Resources. The list of companies is expected to grow.

"We want to give our current students, graduates and other members of the community opportunities to connect with local employers," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

To participate in the career fair, contact Neda Deleon Guerrero at 237-6759 or email at neda.dlguerrero@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

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CPA OKs renewal of Saipan Shipping lease

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board approved in mid-March Saipan Shipping Co.'s option to extend its lease at Charlie Dock.

Saipan Shipping, represented by Janet King, appeared before the board to urge it to approve

the company's extension application for 10 more years. According to SSC president Juan S. Tenorio, their lease agreement with CPA is valid for 40 years, with their latest extension the last for their term in the area. "The additional 10 years is

our option to renew. We've finished 30 already, so this is the last extension," said Tenorio.

After 10 years, it would be up to CPA whether to allow Saipan Shipping to renew its lease again.

Saipan Shipping, a business

that operates on a 2,000-square-meter property at Charlie Dock, has a building in the area.

The company does business with Guam's Seabridge and Japan's Kyowa Shipping Co., to name a few.

The company prides itself

as one of the oldest private closed corporations on Saipan. Established in 1956, the company has been operating for more than 60 years.

"We've been running this business for the last 60 years. Last year was our 60th anniversary," said Tenorio.

When asked whether the company would renew their

lease after 10 years, Tenorio replied, "We want to reach another 60 years."

"The company is very strong and with connections to outside of the Commonwealth. We have proved for 60 years that we are doing our part in terms of bringing cargo from outside of the CNMI," he added. *(Erwin Encinares)*

MAN

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ing Hui Lu and Hongwei Ma with unlawful employment of aliens and bringing in and harboring certain aliens.

Lu, 32, male, is president and director of Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Limited, which lists its physical address as Suite 200, Flame Tree Office Terrace in As Mahetog.

Ma, 25, female, claimed she is an employee of Marianas Enterprises Limited, but worked in the Beilida office. She told the FBI she was responsible for approving all of Lu's purchases for Beilida.

As of press time, it's not clear whether Lu and Ma have been arrested as they have yet to be taken to court for their initial appearance.

McDoulett filed with the district court late afternoon Monday an affidavit in support of the criminal complaints

and arrest warrants against Lu and Ma.

McDoulett is the lead agent investigating MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co. and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd.

McDoulett said the Department of Public Safety received a report last March 22 from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. about the death of construction worker Yuanyou Hu.

He said that Hu, 43, entered the U.S. as a visa parolee/tourist last March 7 and that Homeland Security Investigations confirmed that his parole status expired last March 17.

As a visa parolee, Hu was not authorized to work in the U.S. and/or the CNMI.

McDoulett said that Lu met with DPS last March 27 regarding the death of Hu. Lu asked for a copy of the death certificate in order to send it to the spouse of Hu.

Lu later reported to DPS that Hu had entered the CNMI as a glass contractor for a pe-

riod of two weeks.

Lu met again with DPS last March 28, McDoulett said, and claimed that Hu was employed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nanjing Beilida New Materials System Engineering Co. Ltd. (Nanjing Beilida).

McDoulett said Lu claimed that he (Lu) was an employee of Nanjing Beilida, but the sole owner of Beilida Overseas (CNMI).

Lu allegedly stated that Beilida Overseas (CNMI) was incorporated for the sole purpose of allowing Nanjing Beilida to operate and conduct business in the CNMI.

McDoulett said that in their interview with the CNMI Department of Finance's business licensing director last March 28, the FBI confirmed that Lu, of No. 1 Shuanglong St., Quinquai District, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province, China, is the president and director of Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Limited, which was incorpo-

rated in the Commonwealth on April 16, 2016.

McDoulett said that during a court-authorized search warrant executed by the FBI at the offices of Beilida last Thursday, the FBI contacted Lu by phone to ask him to unlock the door to the Beilida office.

Lu complied and, after unlocking the door and allowing the agents to enter and search the office, he tried but failed to open a safe under a desk.

Lu then called Ma to tell him how to open the safe over the phone. After still failing to open the safe, Lu asked Ma to come to the office to unlock it.

Upon arrival, Ma opened the safe, which contained several thousands of dollars in U.S. currency, several hundred Chinese yuan, as well as employee pay stubs.

Ma stated that Beilida pays all of its expenses in cash, and that the company did not have a local bank account.

On a chair behind Ma's

desk, McDoulett found several spreadsheets in Chinese titled "Beilida Complete Personnel Accommodation Statistics Chart." The agent said the spreadsheet features a column called "Visa Type," which lists over 150 workers as "hei gong," which means undocumented worker.

McDoulett said a random sample of names designated as "hei gong" was compared with records from Customs and Border Protection and it was confirmed that those individuals were visa parolees, and therefore not authorized to work legally.

In addition, the agent said, the entry dates for the individuals on Beilida's records matched the entry dates provided by CBP records.

On Saturday, FBI agents arrested MCC project manager Yuqing Zhao, 42, on the same charges. He was taken before U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona

V. Manglona on Monday afternoon for his initial appearance. After the hearing, Zhao, who appeared with private counsel Colin Thompson, was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

A separate criminal complaint was filed last Friday against MCC electrician Pei Ruan, 28, on the same charges. A check yesterday with court dockets showed that the complaint was no longer there. *Saipan Tribune* learned that as of yesterday at 2pm, she had yet to be arrested.

In his affidavit in support of the criminal complaint against Zhao, FBI special agent Scott Berkland disclosed that during their search of Ruan's office, they discovered 400 Chinese passports, including 189 passports of Chinese nationals who entered Saipan as visa parolees.

Each of the 189 passports inspected indicated the passport holder had overstayed their parole period.

SEMAN

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monwealth not just as DLNR chief but also as a lawmaker and Fish and Wildlife director.

A respected public servant, Seman was also known as an advocate for the preservation of the environment, especially marine life, according to Seman's close friends.

As DLNR secretary, Seman held the post for over four years. He was the department's head from 2004 to 2006 and resumed office again in January 2015 until his passing.

According to Seman's LinkedIn profile, he supervised the directors of Lands and Surveys, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, and Agriculture. He was responsible for the lease and management of the CNMI's submerged lands, from the high waterline for up to three miles.

Seman started his career as a director for the Division of Fish and Wildlife. He stayed in this job for more than five years, from April 1998 until January 2004. Seman also served as a director for the Division of Agriculture for over a year, serving from December 2008 until July 2010.

He moved back to the DFW but as an aquatic educational specialist. He served in this division for over a year starting in April 2011 until January 2013.

For over five years, Seman was also the publisher and editor of the *Marianas Fishing* magazine.

Seman was also a representative in the 18th Legislature and served for about four years before returning as DLNR secretary in 2015.

Seman was also an active member of several boards such as the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council and president of the CNMI Fisherman's Marketing Association. He was also an amateur photographer.

Torres statement

In a statement yesterday morning, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his wife Diann, together with Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog extended their condolences to Seman's family, saying the DLNR chief was passionate about his family, faith, the CNMI's people, and the islands.

Torres said Seman dedicated his public service career in preserving and protecting the environment when he worked in the CNMI government in multiple capacities.

"We remember a public servant and environmentalist who deeply cared for our land and our ocean so that our children, grandchildren, and generations down can enjoy our island's beauty for years to come," Torres said. "He was also very passionate in conducting edu-

cational outreach for our students to foster a sense of environmental stewardship within our community."

"As a passionate environmentalist, he tirelessly worked in protecting our region's pelagic resources so that our future generations could enjoy the bounty of our oceans. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Lorraine, his children and his grandchildren."

DLNR administrative officer Barrie Toves said that Seman, with whom he was close to, became one of his sources in all matters pertaining to land, ocean wildlife, and natural resource issues.

According to Toves, Seman was very supportive as the department's head as well as a friend.

"I will remember him as a humble man, full of kindness and compassion. ...Richard was instrumental in the fruition of the Rota West Harbor small boat marina project development," he said. "I pray the Lord gives comfort to his [Seman's] loved ones during this time of need."

Toves and Seman first met when Seman was still serving as a representative in the 18th Legislature.

Legislature remembers

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) was shocked to learn of Seman's passing and remembered their

days serving at the Division of Fish and Wildlife. "I am saddened and shocked of the sudden passing of my friend."

"It was not too long ago when Richard and I were reminiscing on the many years we have known each other, and of our common passion in preserving and protecting our environment and our natural resources, and how that has strengthened our friendship."

Palacios said Seman was one of the respected persons in the community and is a fond friend to a lot of people. "I will miss my friend. May he rest in peace. On behalf of the members of the Senate and our families, I wish to convey our deepest condolences to Richard's family. May they find peace and comfort in God's love during their time of mourning."

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) joined his colleagues in extending the House's condolences to the family. He also thanked Seman for the chance of serving with him in the 18th Legislature.

"I was shocked to hear of his untimely passing. I had the privilege to work with him when he was a representative. He was very caring in helping our citizens and he had the vision having a better Commonwealth. A great man. Condolences and prayers to him and the family."

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said he was saddened

to learn of the passing of Seman, who always tell that he's everyone's favorite uncle. "It is so very sad to hear of the passing of Secretary Seman. Our deepest condolences and prayers to his family during this most grievous time."

"Too many good people leaving too soon. Godspeed, Mr. Secretary. He always joked about being everyone's favorite uncle and he really was. He made us all laugh every time he was around."

Demapan added that he was pleased to work with Seman the last two weeks on two measures, House Bills 20-64 or the Fisheries Act and 20-65 or bioprospecting—the search for plants or animal species where medicinal drugs and other commercially valuable products can be obtained, that he had supported.

"Today, as my family and I make our way to Majuro to lay my mother-in-law to rest, our hearts are heavy with the news of the passing of Uncle Richard. We will dearly miss his laughter, his love of family, and his advice. *Deskansa gi päs, tihum-mämi*," said Demapan.

Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) remembers the time he and Seman spent campaigning for the 19th CNMI Legislature. "I ran with him in the 19th Legislature and there were four of us so we branded ourselves as the 'Fantastic 4.'"

"I did manage to be part of the campaign trail with him. I lost a friend, somebody that is also knowledgeable of the Legislature, and most especially, our lands and natural resources. He is a very humble person and a true advocate of the environment."

Guerrero said he didn't know that Monday's proclamation signing for Oral Cancer Awareness Month would be the last time he was going to spend with Seman. "He was standing right next to me for the photo session and we were joking. I even asked him, 'How are you, Mr. Secretary?' He was just smiling all day. I'm really saddened that we lost someone like him."

"I just pray that his family would feel better and my thoughts are with them in this time of grief. Last week, we buried one from our law enforcement agencies, [CNMI] probation officer John Del Rosario. Last February, it was Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan. It is sad when you see people who you know and close to pass away."

Guerrero added that the Saipan Fishing Derby and the Mahi Mahi Derby would never be the same, now that Seman is gone. "The fishing derby and mahi mahi derby is going to be sadder this year. Seman is a number one supporter of these events; he's there from day one to the banquet."

NMC hosts visit by PSU rep

Northern Marianas College recently hosted a visit by Dr. Carlos Crespo, director of the School of Community Health at Portland State University. The visit was part of an annual site visit, which allows Crespo to connect the college's BUILD EXITO team and scholars.

The BUILD EXITO program is an undergraduate research training program funded by the National Institute of Health that trains students doing research in biomedical, bio-engineering, behavioral, clinical, health, and social topics.

"We are in the third year of our partnership with Portland State University," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "Dr. Crespo's visit underscores the importance of this partnership, which encourages students to pursue careers in scientific research and other STEM fields."

The program involves a consortium of colleges and universities including Northern Marianas College, Uni-

versity of Guam, University of Hawaii, American Samoa Community College, University of Alaska, Portland State University, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Clackamas Community College, Portland Community College, Chemeketa Community College, and Clark College.

The goals of this program are to help engage scholars in finding solutions to today's major health problems and to give them an opportunity to have hands-on, paid research experience.

Participating scholars will have the opportunity to receive over \$1,000 per month stipend, receive faculty and peer mentoring, and attend Portland State University to earn their bachelor of science degree.

The BUILD EXITO team at Northern Marianas College includes Charlotte Cepeda, Dr. Beylul Solomon, curriculum development and faculty mentor; Roland Merar, faculty mentor; Lorna Liban, faculty mentor; and Alexis Cabrera

(peer mentor).

The BUILD EXITO scholars currently attending NMC are Russell Javan, Maria Dizon, and Jesse Deleon Guerrero. All three scholars will be transferring to PSU in the fall. Other NMC scholars who are currently attending PSU as part of the BUILD EXITO program are Beda Mundo, Marjoen Martin, and Dhale Posadas. NMC is currently in the process of selecting five additional scholars to take part in the program this year. Scholars will be told of their selection by April 12. (NMC)



Portland State University's Dr. Carlos Crespo, seated, meets with Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez and other NMC faculty and students.

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The Kagman Community Health Center.

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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The Kagman Community Health Center will feature many free health screenings during their Health Fair this Saturday to celebrate the clin-

ic's 4th anniversary.

The one-day fair would feature blood pressure screenings, blood sugar level testing, body mass index measurements, breast exams, family planning giveaways, hearing screening, HIV/STD screen-

ings, immunization screenings, PAP smear, and vision screenings, to name a few. The fair starts from 9am to 12pm at the community health center grounds.

All the screenings are free of charge for the attendees.

The staff of Kagman Community Health Center would be also available for free consultation pertaining to topics concerning the health screenings. According to business office manager Frances Santos, the

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A sign points to the Kagman Community Health Center.

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Congratulations Kagman Community Health Center

on your
4th Anniversary



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 3-7, 2017

What is Public Health?

- **Public health** promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play.
- While a doctor treats people who are sick, those working in **public health** try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place. We also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors such as physical activities and preventive screenings.
- From conducting scientific research to educating about health, the field of **public health** works to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. That can mean vaccinating children and adults to prevent the spread of disease or educating people about the risks of alcohol and tobacco.
- **Public health** works to track disease outbreaks, prevent injuries and shed light on why some of us are more likely to suffer from poor health than others.
- The many aspects of **public health** include speaking out for laws that promote smoke-free indoor air, spreading the word about ways to stay healthy and giving evidence-based solutions to problems.
- **Public health** saves money, improves our quality of life, helps children thrive and reduces human suffering.

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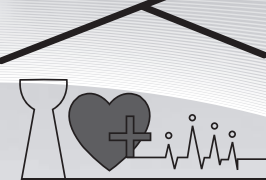
Director: Margarita Torres Aldan, MPH

- Birth Defects Surveillance, Intervention, and Referral Program – Annie Zanduetta – 236-8707
- Chest Clinic: Marcie Rabauliman – 236-8377
- HIV/STD Prevention Program: John Dax Moreno – 664-4050
- Immunization Program: Jeremy Sasamoto – 236-8780
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB): Heather Pangelinan – 664-8701
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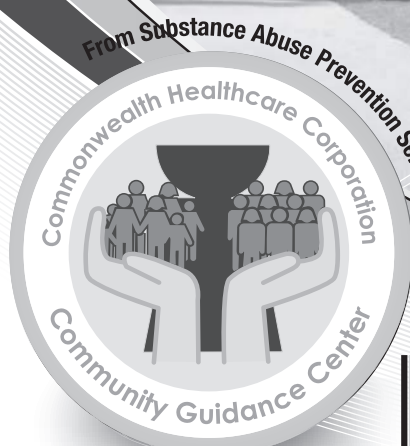
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Thank you for your continued efforts
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From Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit



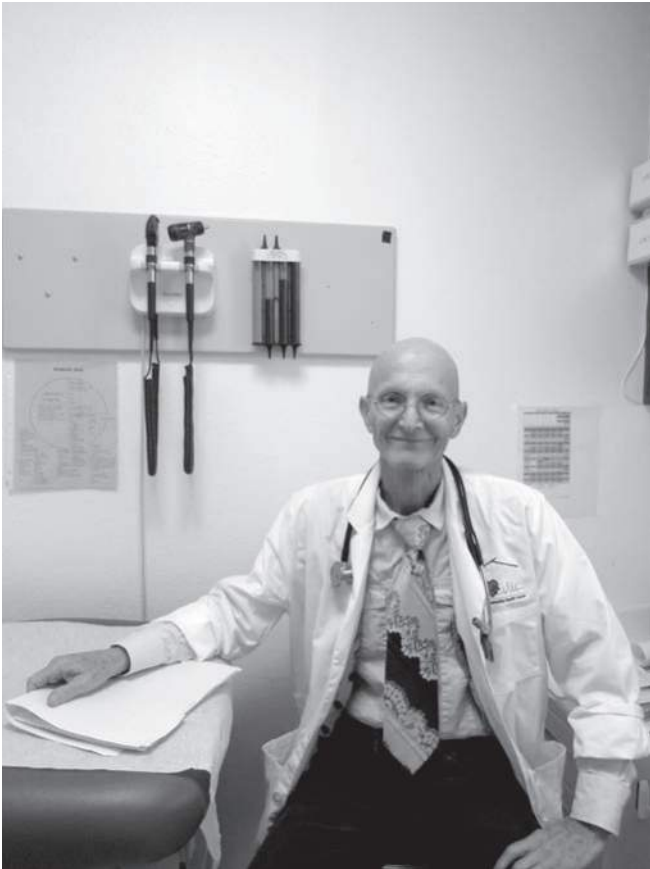
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 CGC-Prevention Services Unit
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Located on Navy Hill
Community Guidance Center
Hours: Monday to Friday
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tel.: (670) 323-6560/1

For Tinian & Rota CGC Services please call
Keith Nabors at 433-6572 (Tinian)
Benedicta San Nicolas at 532-9461 (Rota)

This message is brought to you by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the CHCC: Community Guidance Center - Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit



Dr. Daniel C Lamar.

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Bertha Camacho.

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Kagman Community Health Center would be closed on Saturday but would be open to the public for the health fair.

"We are inviting the community to attend this day to celebrate with us our fourth

anniversary," said Santos.

Along with the free screenings, attendees of the health fair would be able to get refreshments as well as prizes and giveaways. The first 100 participants of the health fair will be rewarded

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with a free T-shirt.

Kagman Community Health Center will be partnering with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the birth defects surveillance intervention and re-

ferral to services program, the Hardt Eye Clinic, the Marianas Eye Institute, the Early Intervention Services, and the CHCC Division of Public Health to help make the fair possible.

For more information, contact Santos at 256-2540.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Navy, Air Force training on FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy and Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- April 5 from noon to 5:30pm
- April 6 from 10am to 7:30pm
- April 7 from 12:30pm to 7:30pm

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

Quiz Nite this Saturday

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month, the Autism Society of the CNMI is hosting its annual Quiz Nite on Saturday, April 8, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan from 6pm to 10pm. If you are interested in attending or would like to make a contribution, contact (670) 234-7150 to purchase a ticket. For more information regarding the Autism Society of the CNMI, contact Tom Thornburgh at tomthornburgh@gmail.com. (PR)

Register now for Chamber's Corporate Challenge

The 17th annual Corporate Challenge will be held on May 28, 2017, at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is inviting Chamber member businesses to join in the competition to win the title of Corporate Challenge champions. The Chamber is now accepting company team registrations. Space is limited to the first registered teams. The deadline for registration will be on Friday, May 19, 2017, at 5pm. To register now, or for more information, call 234-7150 or e-mail administrator@saipanchamber.com for more information or visit www.saipanchamber.com. (PR)

Saipan chamber meeting on April 5

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its next general membership meeting today, April 5, at the Seaside Hall, Kanoa Resort. Guest speakers are Oscar Camacho of the Commonwealth Development Authority regarding the State Small Business Credit Initiative program and Jenny Heglund, with an update on the efforts of the CARE organization. Luncheon begins at 11:30am, with the meeting portion starting promptly at noon. (PR)

GTC Elementary sets Kinder registration

Kindergarten registration at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School for school year 2017 – 2018 is scheduled to begin today, April 3, 2017, from 8:30am to 11:30am and from 1pm to 3:30pm. Registration will take place in the school's main office (in the cafeteria). There are only 40 slots available, and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2017. All required documents must be submitted and received by a certified staff in order for your child to be on the roster. For more information, feel free to call 664-3400. (PR)



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 3 - 7, 2017



What is preventive care?

- ✓ Preventive care includes health services like screening exams, check-ups, and patient counseling
- ✓ Getting preventive care helps to lower your chances of getting very sick or developing infections
- ✓ Getting preventive care finds illness at an early stage when treatment is likely to work best.

Examples of preventive care services include:

TESTS BLOOD PRESSURE DIABETES CHOLESTEROL	CANCER SCREENINGS MAMMOGRAMS AND COLONOSCOPIES	quit smoking lose weight eat healthy identify depressions reduce alcohol use avoid transmitted diseases	
STD SCREENINGS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS	REGULAR VISITS WELL-WOMAN, WELL-BABY, AND WELL-CHILD	CARE FOR HEALTHY PREGNANCIES	VACCINATIONS FLU, PNEUMONIA, MEASLES, POLIO, MENINGITIS AND OTHER DISEASES



Getting recommended preventive services and making healthy lifestyle choices are key steps to good health and well-being. For more information call: **Family Care Clinic** — 236-3305 | **Women's Care Clinic** 236-3521 | **Immunization Program** 236-8745

Content adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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More steps to detect H-1B visa fraud, abuse

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday multiple measures to further deter and detect H-1B visa fraud and abuse.

Beginning today, USCIS will take a more targeted approach when making site visits across the country to H-1B petitioners and the worksites of H-1B employees. USCIS will focus on:

- Cases where USCIS cannot validate the employer’s basic business information through commercially available data;
- H-1B-dependent employers (those who have a high ratio of H-1B workers as compared to U.S. workers, as defined by statute); and
- Employers petitioning for H-1B workers who work off-site at another company or organization’s location.

Targeted site visits will allow USCIS to focus resources where fraud and abuse of the H-1B program may be more likely to occur, and determine whether H-1B dependent employers are evading their obligation to make a good faith effort to recruit U.S. workers. USCIS will continue random and unannounced visits nationwide. These site visits are not meant to target nonimmigrant employees for any kind of criminal or administrative action but rather to identify employers who are abusing the system.

USCIS has established an email address that will allow individuals (including both American workers and H-1B workers who suspect they or others may be the victim of H-1B fraud or abuse) to submit tips, alleged violations and other relevant information about potential H-1B fraud or abuse. Information submitted to the email address will be used for investigations and referrals to law enforcement agencies for potential prosecution.

Individuals can report allegations of employer fraud or abuse by submitting Form WH-4 to the Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division or by completing ICE’s HSI Tip Form. *(USCIS)*

» Agency creates avenue for American workers to report abuse



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-17-IFB-011

SUPPLY, DELIVERY OF TRACTOR BOOM MOWER

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery of Tractor Boom Mower, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **March 22, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standard

- **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
 - **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.
 - **Contingent fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.
- There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **April 28, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of **Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid. The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-011**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 3, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 3, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 3, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **May 12, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, May 17, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on May 3, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-007

CUC FACILITY FENCE REPAIRS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the repair of security fences for multiple Saipan water facilities in need of fence repairs due to damage caused by typhoon Soudelor.

This project is funded by the United Sates Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-17-007, CUC Facility Fence Repairs**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 28, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and *Performance bond* must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on April 17, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-17-IFB-012

TASI LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Tasi Lane Road Improvement, Saipan** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **April 5, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 8, 2017 to Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, May 25, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on May 11, 2017**.

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A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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EDITORIAL

Every president has obligations to America's allies

A century ago—April 6, 1917—America entered “The Great War” in Europe after spending nearly three years resolutely determined to stay out. The war churned on for another 19 months and claimed 117,000 American lives. The last of the soldiers and sailors who survived battles “over there” are gone.

Why focus on a war fought so long ago? Because we live in a world mightily shaped by that war and the one that followed. Because we never know when America will next know war. And because war is an engine for change, just as surely as the internet or medical cures or globalization or any other force that cannot be defied or denied. Construction follows destruction.

A succession of U.S. presidents, from Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt through Ronald Reagan, spent much of the 20th century protecting Europe from mortal danger: WWI swept aside monarchs and czars as predicted, but in their place came even worse, World War II and the axis powers Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. After that conflict, Stalin and communism crushed Eastern Europe and menaced Western Europe.

But would America's 21st-century presidents still honor bonds forged in war?

It is futile to predict how the repercussions of war or any other cataclysm will play out over time. There are too many moving parts. But this nation's principles, chief among them the defense of allies, should remain constant. The world, then and now, looks to American leadership when dictators and tyrants rise and march. When American presidents slink to the corner, when the U.S. leads from behind or not at all, someone else will gladly fill the void. Perhaps an ambitious Russian president. A genocidal Syrian dictator. A North Korean madman. A theocratic Iranian tyrant.

As today's threats loom, Europe trembles. Trembles and asks, would this American president have our back?

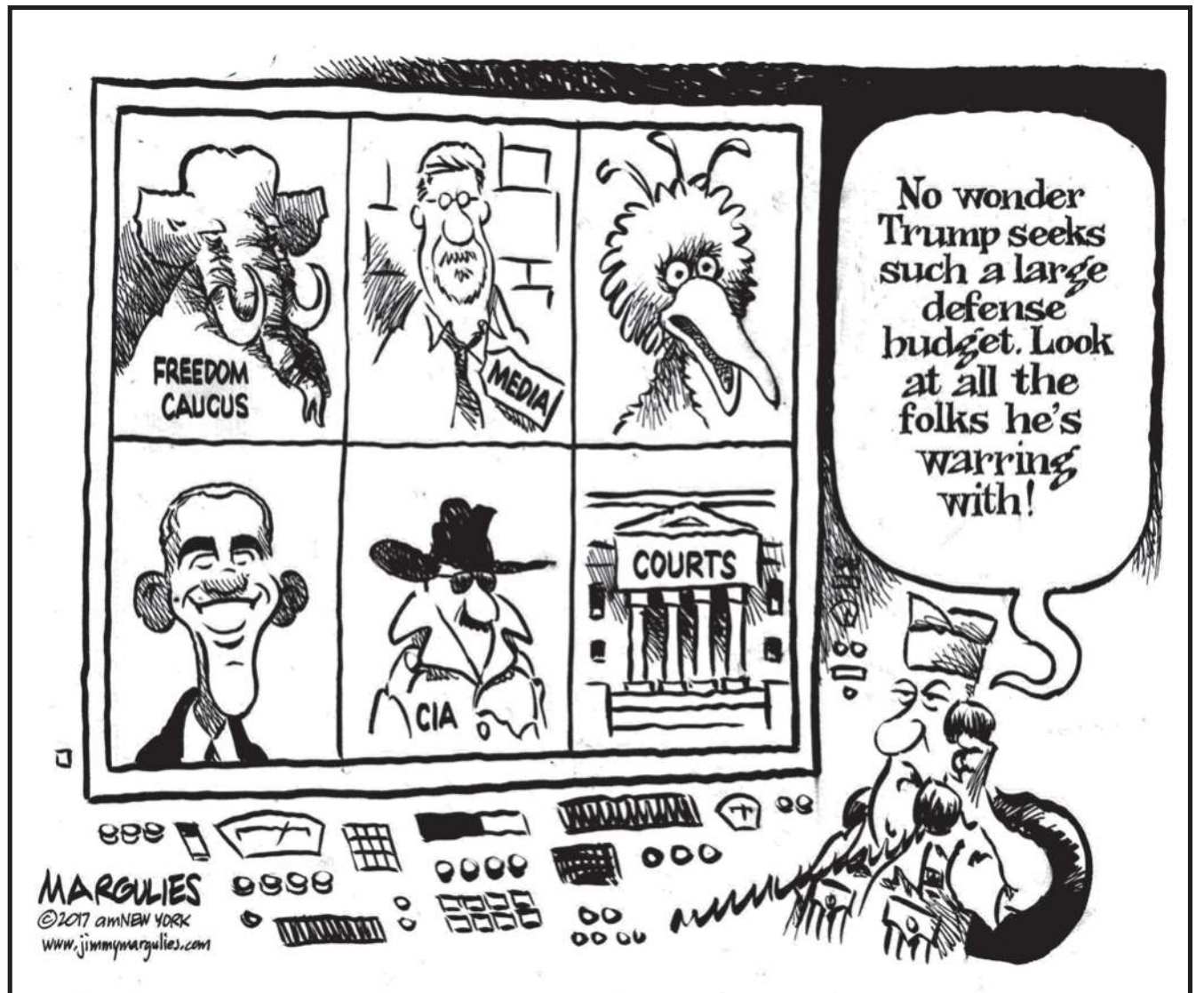
President Donald Trump has rightly made much of his demand that Europe pay more for its own defense. That's slowly happening. Good, because decades of European lassitude—of refusing to invest much in self-defense—have invited adversaries to wonder: If there's some lack of resolve, can we exploit it?

As we wrote in 2014 on the centennial of World War I's opening shot: In succeeding decades, with U.S. involvement in the growth of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and in a long list of geopolitical crises, America's service to Europe has exacted high costs. What was once the most self-reliant continent now sniffs smoke and looks west, trusting that if fire erupts, America will strike it.

That trust has been shaken by a president who blithely disrespects allies, who bad-mouths NATO, who inexplicably embraces Western Europe's chief adversary, Vladimir Putin.

As a result, no American ally—not Great Britain, not

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A drastic solution to a serious problem

Two contiguous stories in my local newspaper last week describe the same growing national problem, one in analytical statistical terms, the other as horrifying human tragedy.

In one story, the Associated Press reports that, according to the National Safety Council, traffic fatalities increased by six percent in 2016, climbing past 40,200. In other words, more than 110 people die in traffic every day.

But pedestrian deaths are increasing, as well, more quickly than other traffic fatalities. They surpassed 6,000 last year, an 11 percent increase.

The number of people killed while driving or walking is directly related to the number of miles driven and miles walked, both of which have increased as the economy has improved since 2008, as gas prices have dropped and as more people are walking for exercise.

But according to Richard Retting, safety director for Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants, miles walked and miles driven are up only a few percentage points, not enough to account for the surge in traffic and pedestrian fatalities.

Researchers admit that correlation is difficult to confirm, but they speculate that the biggest factor contributing to the increase in fatalities is more drivers and walkers distracted by cellphones and other electronic devices.

An adjacent story supports this proposition: On March 30 several drivers noticed a pickup moving erratically along a two-lane road about 75 miles west of San Antonio, Texas. One driver reported that the pickup crossed the center line several times. He called the Real County sheriff's office saying, “He's going to hit somebody head on. ... Somebody needs to get this guy off the road.”

But before the sheriff could respond, the pickup drifted out of its lane on a curve and slammed head on into a church minibus carrying a troop of senior citizens returning home from a nearby spiritual retreat. Thirteen were killed.

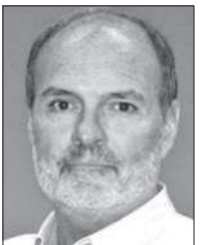
The 20-year-old driver of the pickup survived. An early arrival at the scene quoted him: “I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I was texting.”

This event occurred as the Texas legislature considers bills that would prohibit texting while driving. A number of municipalities in Texas already ban the practice, but attempts at a statewide prohibition have failed several times since 2009.

In 2011, anti-texting legislation reached the desk of Gov. Rick Perry, but he vetoed the bill, calling it “a government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults.”

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Perry said that he prefers information and education campaigns to discourage texting while driving, imagining that with sufficient knowledge drivers will be responsible enough to eliminate problems such as this one.

Experience suggests otherwise. We've never managed to get people to stop speeding or drinking while driving. And electronic distractions—texting, videogames, tweeting—appear to be equally compelling, if not more so. Depending on individual drivers to curtail irresponsible behavior is a dangerous losing proposition.

So the Texas legislature—along with other state legislatures that haven't done so—should make texting while driving illegal. But the problem is that there's a decent chance that such a law wouldn't have prevented last week's devastating collision.

Indeed, I live in a Texas city that punishes texting while driving with a \$500 fine. Yet drivers in the next lane texting or talking on a hand-held device are a common sight.

Of course, travel always involves risk. But our casual acceptance of the carnage on our highways is disturbing; we seem to have just gotten used to it.

Still, a car crash with 13 fatalities, as well as the sharp uptick in fatalities caused by distracted driving, ought to provoke us to more drastic action.

It's difficult to stop drivers from drinking and speeding. But the technology already exists to make texting in a moving vehicle impossible. Indeed, some parents are already using apps that block their teens from texting while driving.

We should have the will to impose such strictures on ourselves. Former Gov. Perry would call this government overreach, but driving is hardly a right guaranteed by the Constitution. Legislation that makes texting and driving impossible could have saved at least 13 lives last week.

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Tat ti umafuetsas tinilaika 'nai machage mata'lun umestablese i hagas establisau na linala' natibu.

Namanman i ti makomprende na ti siña un' tulaika i natibu gi kuttura yan tradisiona sa' patte petmanente giya guiya desde ke mafañagu. Gaige gi haga' yan anten natibu mina' ti tulaikayun. Poresu na ni un' nasyon felis gi otdin siha ni man-malagnos.

Kada ratu mana' fañgahat i man-guelota kada man-masablasus man-tailaye siha na otdin. Halum ñaṅgun na kinalamten niha mina' ti maliṅgu haf' sustansian kuttura yan tradision natibu.

Unu na inempeñan Española ni sumaga kumu kuttura-ta i rehion katoliku. Estague' pisun tinituhun ineyag asuntun justisia.

Hu konsidera insuttu todū i animanasu ni manma-impeña kontodu mata'lun ma-aregla i hagas establisau na modun linala' natibu. Mauleg sa' tai atmas i natibu ni siña hana' setbi gi es-trakadan madefendin tautau-ta.

Guinaiyan Nana

Gi fina konbetsasion yan un' sumen respetau na bihan mame ha estoriaye-yu' pot finapos familiaña antes de geran dos.

Entalu' bateha, foggun, kusina, gualu' yan tasi 'nai sessu mapoña i amku'. Ha esplikaye-yu' pot malansen chenchulu, lumulai, peskan panag, tekin yan talaya. I cheluña lahe sessu kumatokcha'.

Ha eslika lokue' pot magugan mai'es, matala', ma-eskome, yan maguleg mitate para titiyas. Kanaha' todū finatinas natibu ha tuṅgu' kontodu mañge' na motsiyas manog.

Sige mona, mattu ham gi namase' na estau yan linala' poble ni hali'e desde pinatgoña. Sin ditension ha saṅgan na guiya unu matrata kumu "arastrau" pot poble.

"Mamoble ham ya solu guinahan mame i taya' mame", ha saṅgan gi hilu' sentimentun pinite. "Lau ni unu inna' chatsaga sa in' sakenguan pinegsai, tinanum sino kosas niha".

Mientras uma'adiṅgan sige hu akompara finapos mame gi parehu na eskalera. Taya' difrensia ya parehu pinadesi lamayot patte. Esta kulan nina' mesgu' lagu mataña i amku'.

"I peble mina' namase' sa' tai guinaha yan tai galun kumu afamau na familia mina' mañgetu silensiu. Lau ni unu sumeha gi areglau yan dignu na lina'la' familia".

Magahet na dibota ayu na bihan mame. Sessu hu bisita antes piot 'nai sumen taya' na mame. Ha plantaye-yu' linemug lemai yan tininun guihan para bai sepin ñaihon-yu.

Kulan ha bisitayu' gi guinifihu gi suabe na finattun espirituña ha rikononose lahiña Iku. Guiya fumanu'e-yu' mañge' na guinaiyan nana. Suabe yan kariñosa na amku' ni fahagot umadiṅgan.

I Tanu' Redondu: Este i para tana' mamahlau un' tautau pot estauña dididi' ti sen kilisyanu este na heñiu.

Huli'e este na heñiu mahasṅgun gi un' palao'an buente pot muchacha. Mamahlauña-yu' sa' hu komprende na ti kombeni matrataña. Hu chage lokue' ayu na aminasu pot mantaya' mame gu un' sumen poble na guma.

Adumididi' sige hu asimula kau man-malefa na tautau i ma-

matrarata. Tinagu' i Saina para tatrata mauleg i prohibuta, ahe' ti tinago' hu!

Finu' un' biha, "Redondu i tanu' 'nai todū kumilulog huyūṅ siempre u birague' tatte". Mauleg in' asimula lokue' este na finu' man-amku' gi kareran miyu.

Idat Rusketi: Humanau-yu' para bai fañule' amot gi hospitat. Hu soda' halum un' hagas fuetsudu na amiguhu. Sige chumichi' ni putin chenot dinalag. Hu ayu' us ya sige ham umachatge.

Esta tutuhu' lago'ña sa' sige machu'ot i dinalag ni sinparat na chaleg. Hu hasṅgun pot para bai'na' fangagau pas. Ha dulalag-yu' dispues. Lau diberas na chaleg ni hachage amanu' i siña fumuñut. Hu saṅgane na gaige ham esta gi idat chenot rusketi 'nai megaiña tatte ke mona.

Da Eñglis: Gi tiempun Navy, mattu un' inspektan homestead para u atan i lugat. Estaba i nana na hana' pinañañales i neni. Ilegña i Amerikanu na inspekta, "Nice baby!"

Umesalau hulu' i palao'an ha agaṅ i asaguaña, "Halulaye mage sa' hasasaṅgan si pindehu chinigethu!"

A'saina, pot si baby ni uma' achule' pronunsiasioña yan materi palao' an gi finu' Chamorro. Mauleg sa' tiha chage i muna fan trabut ham tat palabra kumu "shriek". Hmmm! Tafan a' dispensa sa' guaha 'nai finagcha' e umaya pronunsiasion!

Haf' Mas Puti? Dibuenamenti ha faisen-yu' un' amiguhu haf'

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Saipan Intermediate School, my alma mater

Many a time I would find myself driving by Hopwood Junior High and, as I look at it, I would reminisce of the time I was a student there in the early 1950s—three healthy years of it. And then I would hum a tune from the past that was composed by our teacher, Mrs. Martin, to reflect a student's love for the school. It became a song of Saipan Intermediate School of Chalan Piao, our alma mater of the early 1950s. The lyrics went: "Hail to the name of Chalan Piao, the finest school in the land..."

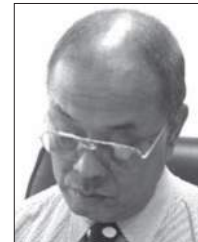
"Chalan Piao," that's what we called our school. Officially, it was Saipan Intermediate School of Chalan Piao. It used to be in the Chalan Kanoa Elementary School campus. SIS was a junior high level in a school system of 6-3-3. Graduates of SIS either went to work with the Navy or went to school in Guam to either Fr. Duenas Memorial School or George Washington High School. Mt. Carmel School with a high school came later. I was a product of SIS and I went to Guam for my senior high school year, graduating there in spring 1958.

SIS was a cluster of renovated quonset huts abandoned by the Navy when it started moving out. It was Kobler village then. The Korean war was on then. Along Beach Road were many breadfruit trees. Now they are gone. The Chalan Piao Beach, though, was lined up and down the shore with the windbreaker, Australian ironwood. Historically, Chalan Piao Beach was one of the landing sites of the U.S. Marines during the World War II invasion of Saipan. One of those marines was Mr. Jake Harshbarger of Idaho. A captain. Many years later, he became our principal. One of my most memorable episode was when Mr. Harshbarger joined the students at the SIS beach one P.E. day. Many a time, we would go swimming on our P.E. period. He would come down to the beach and would stand in the shade of the ironwood trees. He would glance up and down the beach as if he were recollecting an episode in his life. Then his look would stretch far out into the disappearing horizon as if he were seeing an event breaking out in a mirage, that deep and faraway look beyond the reef. And he was a part of it. Many young Marines died here while trying to open a landing beachhead, he would tell me, looking down and shaking his head. Mr. Harshbarger was my English teacher, too. I was a fidgety, "ants in the pants" talkative student, and Mr. Harshbarger would give me a thick English literature book with assignment to read Macbeth. Holy moly, what did I do to deserve Macbeth. Who is this Macbeth guy, anyway? A question of a naïve island student. The difficult reading spaced me out. It was the kind of English that story was written in. Many years later, in our senior English class under Mr. Jim

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mas puti gi hinanau tautau? Kase i mas makat i madiskrimina ni mismu tautau-mu sino familia-mu.

Esta e'eku na tiṅtiṅgi gi chagu'! Puti mayogua gi halum mala'et na sadog diskriminasion ginen halum. Man-paladañ ham todū nu este na tinailaye lau i bendision i Saina rumeskata ham diariu.

Kañon: Un' estoria pot dos umasagua ni duru malagu gi halum sakati 'nai matutuhun mapaki halum Saipan balan kañon ginen batkun Americanu ni rumedonduye Saipan.

Ume'ensinahyau pot para u fan atok gi halum bokuṅgo'. Lau dispues de tres biahe ni hinegse lahe na asagua tumalag hilu' ya ilegña, "Hafa, esta para puru ha 'otsi taya' para falagu?" De dios!

Winzeler at George Washington High, I encountered the same guy, Macbeth, and now MacDuff. I have not forgiven Shakespeare for his complicated English.

At SIS, we learned many things that were meant to prepare us for life after graduation. There were typing classes in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, sewing and home economics, carpentry, farming, and the usual academics. Typewriting class prompted the school to start a school newspaper to enhance the typing class, which stretched into clerical projects. A contest for the newspaper's name was set up. My cousin, Jesus S. Sablan, later of Sablan Construction, won the top prize. He came up with a great name, *Blue Lagoon*. I was appointed the first semester editor. Manny dela Cruz was the second semester editor. The entire school pitched in to make the paper successful.

We also had a string band with dancing ladies, home economics, carpentry, handicraft, and truck farming. The boards and ladders for the carpentry class came from the Navy, as were the guitars and ukulele, courtesy of Mrs. Martin, the supply officer's wife.

Mrs. Martin, Mr. Joe C. Cabrera-Tian, Mr. Joe M. Taitano, then Miss Rita dela Cruz were our band organizers and sponsors. We would be taken to Circus Beach, the "O" Club, and to other Navy functions to perform. There were Felix Fitia, Ando Rogolifo, Juan Teregeyo, Canicio Limes, Silvestre Kaipat and me. Our student dancers were Frances C. Tenorio, Remedio C. Duenas, Silveria Tydingco, and Ana Kaipat. These were the band members I remembered. We had our student council. We had a campaign. Froilan C. Tenorio was one of the presidential candidates. I was his running mate. We won. Later, when Froilan transferred to Fr. Duenas Memorial in Guam, I became the president.

On the sports scene, we had our SIS softball league. We had our stalwarts. Nick A. Tenorio, Tom C. Camacho, Jesus S. Sablan, Frank S. Chong, among others. These best players were recruited to play with "Education," the Saipan teachers' softball team playing island major league softball.

We learned carpentry with Mr. Don Torres, handicraft and farming with Mr. Segundo Blas. Our work products were displayed on PTA Sundays.

We graduated in 1955, armed with knowledge to survive in the community, and we did. And our alma mater song may have long faded away, but we could still hear the echo of it, a stanza or so, in our memory. The song was a youthful pledge of loyalty and fidelity to a school, a tinge like that of filial piety, a child to his mother. The memory of everything that made SIS wonderful stays, maybe a bit misty but it's there. It's like the song, "*Mem'ries, light the corner of my mind, misty water-colored mem'ries...*" And the SIS lyrics fades out with "... loyal sons we will be till eternity, hail to thee, Chalan Piao." And it closed out one phase of our life, that of Saipan Intermediate School.

Rudy M. Sablan

Garapan, Saipan

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France, not Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Japan or South Korea—can know where Washington stands now and whether it will stand in the same place a day or even an hour from now. That's dangerous. Twitter rants are not diplomacy. The best way to stay out of wars is to make sure the enemies of America or its friends never calculate that they'd have a chance to prevail in one.

That commitment to allies should be as inviolate as it was on April 6, 1917—no matter who is president. The next foes of Europe, and of America, could be nation-states. Or they could be terrorists without capitals, nihilists who pledge not "the war to end all wars," but endless war.

Today, as in 1917, Europe casts an anxious glance over its shoulder, hoping to see the reassuring shadow of the American colossus. Threats overseas change, and different presidents have varied opinions on how the U.S. should engage. But obligations, by treaty or by shared values, endure. May this nation's commitment to its allies—again, no matter who is president—never falter.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Windy. Showers in the morning, with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the afternoon.

▲84° ▼76°

THURSDAY

Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developing overnight.

▲85° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms.

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SATURDAY

Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms.

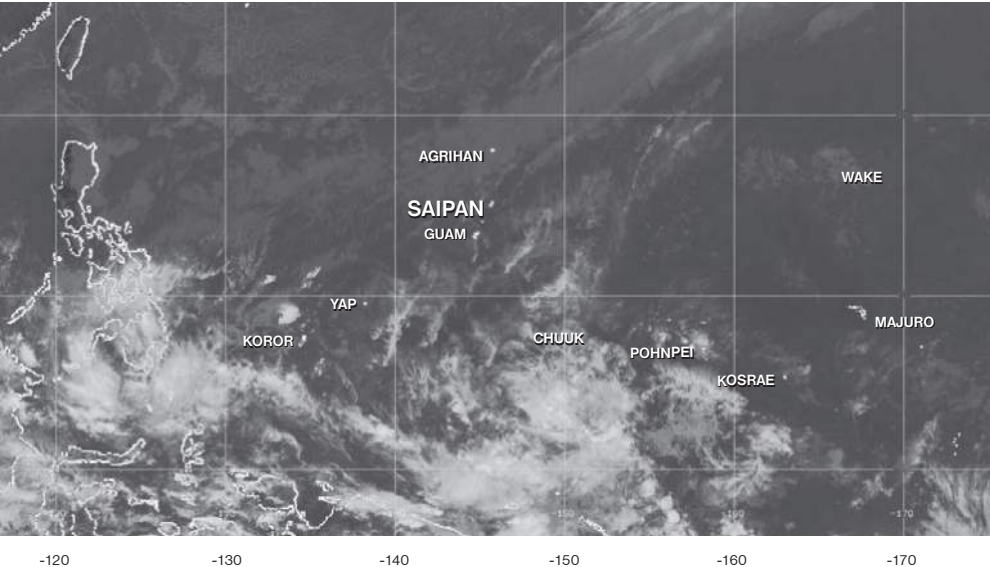
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SUNDAY

Scattered thunderstorms.

▲85° ▼77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 3:25 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak shear line remains to the north of Saipan this afternoon. It is expected to slowly drift southward and continue to weaken over the next few days. As the shear line approaches, the Marianas will see an increase in cloud cover and a slight increase in showers, though coverage is expected to remain isolated. Moderate to fresh winds will continue with the line, before beginning to decrease by the end of the week as the shear line drifts back to the north. A standard dry season weather pattern will then return to the region for the weekend. Moderate to fresh trade winds will continue over the waters for the next few days. Occasional gusts to 25 knots are possible, however, a Small Craft Advisory is not anticipated at this time. Seas will continue to slowly build over the next 24 hours to between 7 and 9 feet Wednesday, as the east and north swell continues to build slightly, then will slowly subside through the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	88 78 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 77 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	86 71 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85 80 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 80 °F
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	86 79 °F
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	83 80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲▼ °F
Auckland	Thunderstorms	72 62 °F
Beijing	Cloudy	65 48 °F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	78 69 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83 70 °F
London	Cloudy	59 40 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	76 55 °F
Manila	Partly Cloudy	93 76 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	78 52 °F
Miami	Mostly Sunny	87 75 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	63 44 °F
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	68 51 °F
Paris	Partly Cloudy	60 42 °F
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	60 56 °F
Rome	Partly Cloudy	66 46 °F
Salem	Overcast	60 47 °F
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	67 52 °F
Seoul	Cloudy	58 51 °F
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	65 52 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	70 54 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:52 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.74
9:21 AM	LOW TIDE		1.14
2:05 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.6
9:34 PM	LOW TIDE		0.01

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:09 AM	6:29 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	1:34 AM	1:22 PM
Thursday	-	2:25 AM	2:18 PM
Friday	-	3:13 AM	3:12 PM
Saturday	-	3:58 AM	4:04 PM
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily	LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily	TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5	7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4
SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)				JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7	7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM	UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 3, 4, 6	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM	UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
				UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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Business

US tells companies not to overlook qualified Americans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration issued a stern warning to U.S. companies as they began applying for coveted skilled-worker visas Monday, cautioning that it would investigate and prosecute employers that overlook qualified American workers for the jobs.

The message came on the opening day of applications for American employers seeking visas known as H-1B, which are used mostly by technology companies to bring in programmers and other specialized workers from other countries.

“U.S. workers should not be placed in a disfavored status, and the department is wholeheartedly committed to investigating and vigorously prosecuting these claims,” Tom Wheeler, acting head of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division, said in a statement.

The Obama administration sued companies for violating the Immigration and Nationality Act’s anti-discrimination provisions, including businesses that favored foreigners over U.S. workers. But Monday’s warning in a news release at the start of the visa process appeared to be a first-of-its kind signal to employers not to put American workers at a disadvantage.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services also announced that it would step up its reviews of employers that use H-1B visas, saying “too many American workers who are qualified, willing and deserving to work in these fields have been ignored or unfairly disadvantaged.”

Cyborgs at work: employees getting implanted with microchips

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The syringe slides in between the thumb and index finger. Then, with a click, a microchip is injected in the employee’s hand. Another “cyborg” is created.

What could pass for a dystopian vision of the workplace is almost routine at the Swedish startup hub Epicenter. The company offers to implant its workers and startup members with microchips the size of grains of rice that function as swipe cards: to open doors, operate printers, or buy smoothies with a wave of the hand.

The injections have become so popular that workers at Epicenter hold parties for those willing to get implanted.

“The biggest benefit I think is convenience,” said Patrick Mesterton, co-founder and CEO of Epicenter. As a demonstration, he unlocks a door by merely waving near it. “It basically replaces a lot of things you have, other communication devices, whether it be credit cards or keys.”

The technology in itself is not new. Such chips are used as virtual collar plates for pets. Companies use them to track deliveries. It’s just never been used to tag employees on a



Self-described “body hacker” Jowan Osterlund from Biohax Sweden, holds a small microchip implant, similar to those implanted into workers at the Epicenter digital innovation business centre during a party at the co-working space in central Stockholm, Tuesday March 14, 2017.

broad scale before. Epicenter and a handful of other companies are the first to make chip implants broadly available.

And as with most new technologies, it raises security and privacy issues. While biologically safe, the data generated by the chips can show how often an employee comes to work or what they buy. Unlike company swipe cards or smartphones, which can generate the same data, a person cannot easily separate themselves from the chip.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trump signs bill blocking online privacy regulation

WASHINGTON (AP)—After his press secretary blasted it as an example of rampant government overreach, President Donald Trump signed a bill into law Monday that could eventually allow internet providers to sell information about their customers’ browsing habits. The bill scraps a Federal Communications Commission online privacy regulation issued in October to give consumers more control over how companies like Comcast, AT&T and Ve-

rizon share that information. Critics have argued that the rule would stifle innovation and pick winners and losers among internet companies. The regulation was scheduled to take effect later this year, but Congress used its authority under the obscure Congressional Review Act to wipe it from the books.

Pipeline owner says Alaska spill was less than 3 gallons

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—An underwater pipeline that sprung a leak in Alaska’s Cook Inlet, an area

known for diverse marine life, probably dumped less than three gallons (11 liters) of crude oil into the ocean, the pipeline’s owner said Monday. The spill between two production platforms owned by Hilcorp Alaska LLC was spotted Saturday. Cook Inlet stretches 180 miles (290 kilometers) from the Gulf of Alaska to Anchorage and is home to an endangered population of beluga whales. Hilcorp by Sunday had removed all oil from the 8-inch (20.3-centimeter) diameter pipeline. Cook Inlet is also habitat for humpback whales.

Tumbling car sales drag down US auto market in March

DETROIT (AP)—Passenger car sales plummeted again in March, dragging U.S. auto sales to their third straight monthly decline, a strong indication that years of sales growth have come to an end. Sales for the month fell 1.6 percent to just over 1.55 million vehicles, surprising analysts who expected a small increase. For now, anyway, the auto industry isn’t worried. It’s making solid money selling reams of SUVs and trucks to consumers who are

loading up on expensive features. But some analysts see large inventories of cars as a looming problem. Car sales were down almost 11 percent, while truck and SUV sales rose 5.2 percent, according to Autodata Corp.

Utah Supreme Court rules against Tesla in push to sell cars

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Tesla’s push to sell its all-electric vehicles in Utah hit another roadblock Monday when the state Supreme Court upheld a decision by Utah licensing officials to deny the automaker a li-

cense to sell new cars. Tesla had argued that a state law barring car manufacturers from owning dealerships didn’t apply to the company. Tesla sells its cars directly to customers rather than using independent dealerships, something Tesla attorneys argued is vital to their business. Tesla must sell its own cars because a sale depends on convincing customers that electric cars are better than those with a gas engine. The company also argued that Utah law doesn’t block car makers from selling directly—it only blocks car makers from owning a dealership that’s set up as a franchise.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
20,650.21	2,358.84	5,894.68
-13.01	-3.88	-17.06
-0.06%	-0.16%	-0.29%

EXCHANGE RATES

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7702	Russian Ruble	56.6567
Australian Dollar	1.3221	Singapore Dollar	1.3986
British Pound	0.8048	Japanese Yen	110.474
Canadian Dollar	1.3439	Malaysian Ringgit	4.4275
Chinese Yuan	6.8831	New Zealand Dollar	1.4319
Euro	0.9387	Philippine Peso	50.178
		Taiwan Dollar	30.473
		Thailand Baht	34.43

Nation

Storms sweep through South; 5 killed



The remains of a trailer lie where a woman and her 3-year-old daughter were killed during a severe storm, in Breau Bridge, La., Sunday, April 2, 2017.

AP

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A Mississippi woman who desperately tried to direct rescuers to her sinking vehicle after it skidded into a rain-swollen creek was among five people killed in storms across the South.

Jacqueline Williams, 52, was running a newspaper delivery route when her car slid off a road into a creek in her hometown of Florence before dawn Monday, authorities said. She dialed 911 from the car as it went down, said Rankin County Coroner David Ruth.

Ruth said Williams was try-

ing to relay her location to a dispatcher as the car settled into the swirling waters. "She was trying to tell the dispatcher where she was, and she could actually hear the sirens," Ruth said.

The two lost contact, and Ruth said a swift-water recovery team later found Williams' body in the creek outside the car.

Florence Police Chief Richard Thomas said the current where Williams died was fast and strong.

He said authorities got a call from a woman saying her car

was being swept into the water. Authorities immediately began looking but couldn't find her in time. Records from the county's 911 center show the first call came at 4:35 a.m., responders were dispatched within 17 seconds and arrived at 4:42 a.m.

"It was really quick," Thomas said.

Williams' body was eventually recovered, and authorities pulled her small vehicle out of the water about three hours later.

Florence is a town of about 4,000 people. The chief described Williams and her family as "really good people."

Arieyana was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Atkinson's first cousin Nina Chandler told The Associated Press that family members also don't know why Atkinson was found with his Arieyana, his late brother's daughter, after fleeing the North Carolina home where Atkinson's parents were found dead Sunday.

In a telephone interview, Chandler said that Atkinson and his parents shared an enthusiasm for football and basketball, attending NFL games of the Carolina Panthers and Charlotte's former NBA team, the Hornets.

"Twenty-some-odd years ago, our two boys played baseball together," Thomas said.

In the tiny Mississippi Delta town of Glendora, the mayor's wife died Sunday when strong winds toppled a tree onto the

couple's house. Mayor Johnny B. Thomas was briefly hospitalized with injuries after his wife Shirley was killed, said town clerk Aquarius Simmons.

"She was a nice lady. Very sweet. Everybody loved

her," Simmons said of Shirley Thomas.

Two other people died earlier in Louisiana, and a man died Monday in South Carolina after storms swept through the state.



ACROSS THE NATION

Fire chief: 3 dead, 4 hurt when boiler explodes in St. Louis

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—

An explosion launched a van-sized boiler through the roof of a St. Louis box company and slammed much of it down onto a laundry business across the street on Monday, killing three people and injuring four others, authorities said. One person died in the blast about 8 a.m. at the Loy-Lange Box Co. and two others were killed when a large piece of the boiler crashed into the nearby Faultless Healthcare Linen building's office area, Fire Chief Dennis Jenkerson said. The explosion appears to have been an accident, but investigators were trying to pinpoint what caused the cast iron boiler—estimated to weigh a ton to a ton and a half—to explode, Jenkerson said. The blast occurred in a largely industrial area of south St. Louis.

California Senate OKs statewide immigrant sanctuary bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

(AP) -- California lawmakers gave initial approval Monday to a measure that prevents law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration officials, a measure that proponents said rebukes President Donald Trump for his immigration crackdown. It makes California a statewide sanctuary for many people who are in the country illegally. The state Senate passed the measure on a 27-12 vote, sending it to the state Assembly over the objection of opponents who said it endangers the public by shielding felons from being deported. The bill, SB54, advanced after Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Democrat from Los Angeles, amended it to let state and local law enforcement notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement federal

agents before convicted serious or violent felons are released from custody.

Report: Excessive force continues at massive jail complex

NEW YORK (AP)—

Guards at the troubled Rikers Island jail complex, one of the biggest correctional facilities in the world, continue to use excessive force like "head strikes, wall slams and violent takedowns" at an alarming rate, according to a report released Monday by a federal monitor. The report claims inmates have been unnecessarily struck in the head and kicked while restrained in handcuffs, subjected to chokeholds, pepper-sprayed and slammed against walls, causing injuries, "only to be followed by delays in providing needed medical attention." "Often these incidents are not reported accurately and in some cases not reported at all," the report said.

Alleged kidnap victim cried out 'Help me' after car crash

WASHINGTON (AP)—An 11-year-old girl who was allegedly kidnapped from North Carolina cried out "Help me" when police officers in the U.S. capital found her wedged between the driver's and front passenger's seat after the car she was in crashed, court documents showed.

The documents were released late Monday. They describe the police pursuit Sunday of the car allegedly driven by 36-year-old Curtis Atkinson Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina. Atkinson is the uncle of 11-year-old girl Arieyana Forney. He is charged with killing his parents, who were

Arieyana's grandparents and guardians, in North Carolina.

Police describe Atkinson leading them on a chase, which ended when the car rear-ended another vehicle in Washington.

Officers say the force of the collision was so great that the child, two adults and a dog were all thrown to the front seat.

Court documents made available Monday said that an officer who chased the vehicle in Washington was told that the occupants of the vehicle "had a handgun and they were not scared to hurt the kidnapped child in the vehicle."

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

4 Afghan intelligence agents killed in Taliban attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan officials confirm that at least four provincial intelligence service agents have been killed in an attack by Taliban insurgents in eastern Ghazni province. Two provincial officials from eastern Paktika province confirmed on Monday that the deputy provincial director for Paktika, Abdul Wahib Khan, as well as his driver and two other people were killed in the ambush on Sunday. The attack took place when their convoy was travelling from Ghazni toward Paktika province. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to talk about intelligence-related issues. The officials added that there were reports of others being wounded, but the exact number was not known.

Attackers fire grenades at police in south Thailand; 6 hurt

HAT YAI, Thailand (AP)—Gunmen with grenade launchers and other heavy weapons attacked a police checkpoint early Monday in southern Thailand, injuring six officers,

in what appeared to be the latest violence by Muslim separatists who have been fighting for more than a decade. Police Capt. Pongsak Khaonuan said an unknown number of attackers used M-79 grenade launchers and other weapons to attack the checkpoint in Yala province before dawn. The gunmen retreated when police fired back. Three other attacks last week resulted in the deaths of an army ranger and a policeman in the deep south provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat, the only ones with Muslim-majorities in Buddhist-dominated Thailand. About 7,000 people have been killed since the insurgency flared in 2004.

Duterte fires Cabinet member over alleged wrongdoing

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president has sacked his interior secretary and close political ally amid reports of alleged corruption in what his officials say is a warning that he will not tolerate any wrongdoing even in his Cabinet. Presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella said Tuesday that President Rodrigo Duterte announced the dismissal of Interior and Local

Government Secretary Ismail Sueno at the end of a Cabinet meeting late Monday, citing loss of trust and confidence. Sueno has had a reported rift with his three undersecretaries, who accused him of corruption and other wrongdoings. Abella says the president checked those accusations before he decided to dismiss Sueno, who was among allies that convinced Duterte to run for president last year. It's not clear if the Duterte administration will formally investigate Sueno.

German tourist raped in south India; police search for 2 men

NEW DELHI (AP)—Indian police say they are searching for two men suspected of raping a German tourist in the beach town of Mamallapuram in southern India. The German woman told police that she went for a walk and dozed off in a deserted part of the beach when she was raped Sunday. The woman was part of a group of German tourists visiting the town, which is famous for its many Hindu temples. Teams of police were searching nearby areas in Tamil Nadu state. Police said Monday that no arrests had been made so

far. The incident highlights persistent violence against women in India despite tougher laws against sexual assault imposed after the 2012 death of a young woman who was gang-raped on a bus in New Delhi.

Philippine leader warns rebels ahead of new round of talks

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte threatened Monday to unleash new attack aircraft and the “full power of the state” against communist rebels if a new round of peace talks fails, and insisted they accept new conditions including a halt to extortion and to territorial claims. Government

and rebel negotiators have flown to the Netherlands for a resumption of the talks, which collapsed in February after Duterte angrily protested the killings of government troops in renewed attacks by the New People's Army rebels. The formal opening ceremony of the Norwegian-brokered talks, which the government announced would take place Sunday, was delayed by a day.

Pakistan interrogating suspects in horrific shrine slayings

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani police say an anti-terrorism court has given police three days to finish the interrogation of four men suspected in

the killing of 20 devotees at a shrine in eastern Punjab province. The custodian of a local shrine and his accomplices are said to have killed the 20 after intoxicating them amid a dispute over custodianship of the shrine. Police officer Shamsher Joya says the four appeared before the court on Monday where Judge Zahid Iqbal extended their custody pending the investigation. The killings took place in a village near the city of Sargodha. The shrine's custodian, Abdul Waheed, and his four alleged accomplices drugged the 20 men and women on Saturday night at a house near the shrine. The victims were then beaten with batons and repeatedly stabbed.

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We are blessed with God's gift of family and friends, near and far who have come to join us in mourning our beloved.

† *Vicente Matagolai Aldan*

Your thoughtfulness and support have greatly helped us in bearing the sorrow of our great loss. Your words of comfort have given us the strength and courage to let go and entrust to the Lord our beloved, where he now dwells in eternal life in His lovely and promised paradise.

We would like thank deeply from our hearts Father James S. Balajadia for presiding over the celebration of Mass of Christian Burial, the altar servers and Ms. Rita Villagomez for assisting us in the preparation for the nightly rosaries and masses. Thank you to our techa Ms. Dina L. Cabrera.

We extend our appreciation to the Doctors, nurses and staff of CHCC for all their assistance and the comfort given to our beloved. Our special thanks to Mayor David Apatang and his staff for all the work and preparations done for our beloved's funeral. Si Yu'us Ma'ase to the members of the 14th Municipal Council and the Office of the Governor. Our gratitude to the Department of Public Safety for the honors given to our beloved.

As you have remembered our beloved in your prayers, we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

To all who have helped us in one way or another,

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Olomwaay.

Estelita R. Aldan and Family
Children and families
of the late †Vicente M. Aldan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Helen Bermudes Cruz
“El or Leng”

December 22, 1955 – March 31, 2017

In her New Life, She now joins her:

Husband: †Maximo Castro Cruz (Max Pakakang)

Son: †Jerry B. Cruz

Parents: †Alejandro Quitano & †Maria Attao Bermudes

Parents-in-Law: †Francisco & †Dolores Castro Cruz

Brothers: †Vicente, †Jesus, †Manuel Attao Bermudes

Her spirit & memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: Frank B. Cruz (Lorraine: Bryce)

Max B. Cruz (Ann: Tyrez, Max Jr., Taylor)

Maynard B. Cruz (Kat: Yasmin)

Doreen C. Masga (Leonel)

Grandson: Keanu Jerome G. Cruz-KJ

Brothers: Jose A. Bermudes (Dolores): Leilani, Raena, Nathan and Kristina

Ramon A. Bermudes (Lucy): Jordan, Hannah, Abigail

Sisters: Josephine B. Agulto (Antonio Diego): Rodney, Alvin, Velma, Tracy, Antonio Jr., Alejandro, Jonathan

Rosa B. Lizama (Lorenzo): Audrey Rose

Rita B. Agulto (Rainaldo): Valerie, Shauna, Rachelle

Brothers/Sisters-in-law: Antonio Castro Cruz (Ignacia): Ben, Doris, Nora, Antonette, Gerrilyn, Polly Ann, Pamela

†Dolores C. Camacho (†Pedro): Daisy, Jun, April, Jude, Evonne, Geraldine, Silvan

Ana P. Cruz (†Juan): Agnes, Patricia, Frances, †Doris, Jeanette, Tina, Paul, Daniel, Junior, Frankie

Helen will also be missed by numerous aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

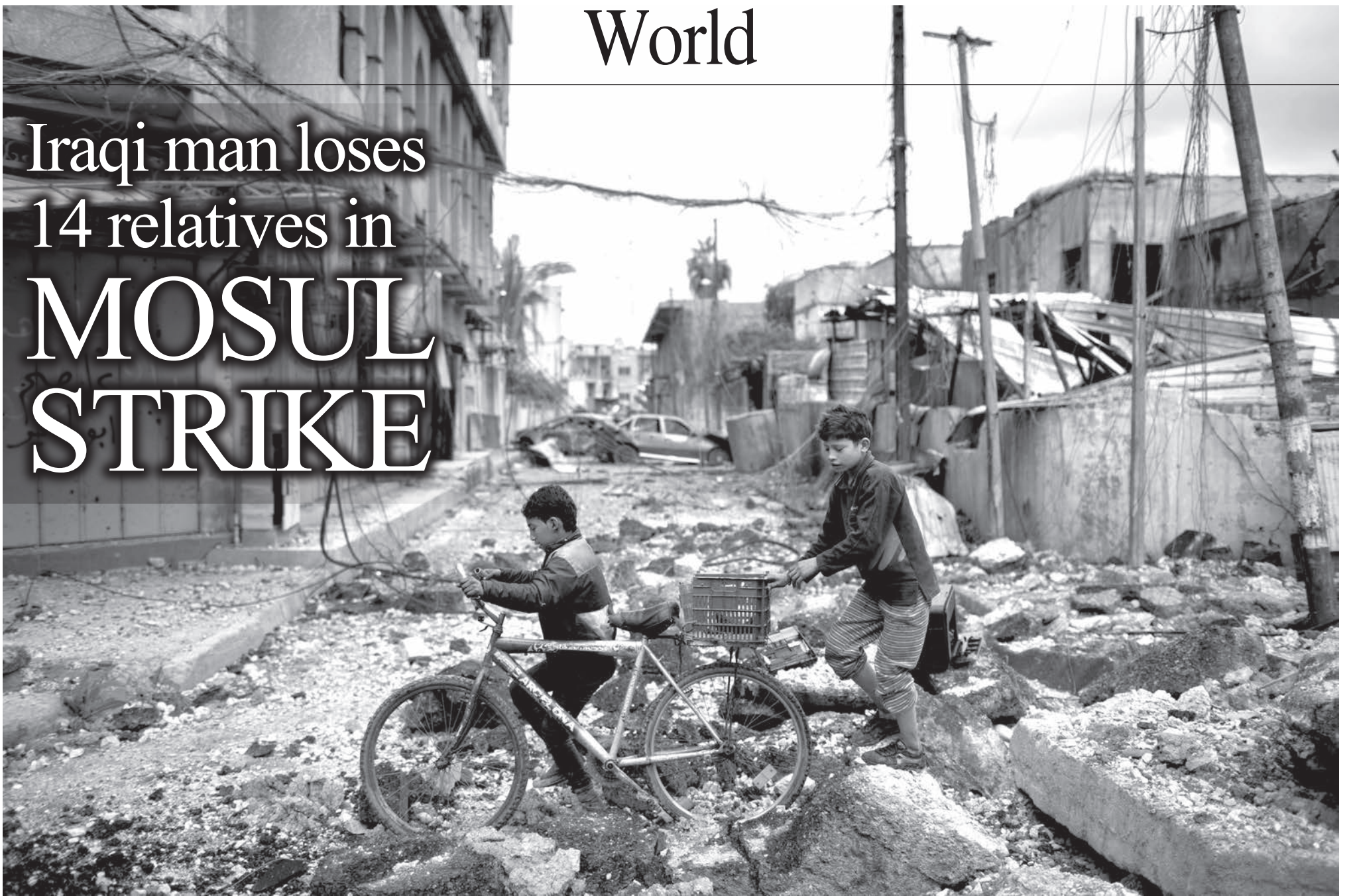
Daily mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

On Saturday, April 8th, Responso will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment service will follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be at her final resting place.

Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase
Frank, Max, Maynard, Doreen & Family

World

Iraqi man loses 14 relatives in MOSUL STRIKE



MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—He first found the body of his nephew. Then as rescue workers pulled more and more bodies out of the pile of concrete that was once his sister's home in western Mosul, it was too much for Mahmoud Salem Ismail. He collapsed next to the body bags on the ground.

"Some people were burned, some were cut in half," Ismail said this week, recounting the March 17 blast in which his sister Bushra and 14 of his relatives died. "I saw my sister. Her face blue but her body was fine."

The March 17 explosion that levelled the building in the district of New Mosul killed more than 100 people as Iraqi forces were battling Islamic State group militants in the area. The U.S.-led coalition acknowledged there was an airstrike against the build-

ing. But U.S. military officials have said the munitions used were not enough to bring down the structure and have suggested IS militants herded people inside, booby-trapped the building and then lured an airstrike.

But Ismail said he was told by sister that her family and neighbors were taking refuge there for the simple reason that the building had a cellar and two floors with concrete decks and was deemed the safest place in the area as fighting crept closer.

Ismail said he was in touch with his sister my mobile phone for several days until the day before the strike. She told him that the women gathered in the cellar and most of the men were on the ground floor.

His last contact with her was on March 16, a day be-

fore the strike. Several days later, he began hearing rumors that the house had been hit. As soon as Iraqi forces secured the neighborhood, he rushed from his home in eastern Mosul along with his five brothers to try to find their sister. Gunfire could still be heard in the street and mortars were landing randomly when they made it to the house.

"The whole house was destroyed. It was flattened," he said. Neighbors told him that a single IS fighter shot a few rounds from the roof and then ran. "Because of one person, you kill 105 people?" he said. "You don't see there are 105 people inside?" Figures on total number of dead have varied, with some residents saying more than 140 died.

All the bodies were buried under tons of rubble, except for one: Ahmed, his 17-year-

Iraqi boys walk on a destroyed street in a neighborhood recently retaken by Iraqi security forces during fighting against Islamic State militants on the western side of in Mosul, Iraq, Monday, April 3, 2017. AP

old nephew. His body lay in a neighboring yard, now covered by a blanket.

The six brothers borrowed a cart and set off for the cemetery to bury him. It proved to be a struggle. Ahmed was a big teen, the only cart they could find had a flat tire, it was raining and the roads had dis-

solved into mud.

A day later, a civil protection unit from Baghdad deployed with heavy machinery to clear the ruins of the house. Body bags started to fill. Mahmoud was called to identify his sister and the rest of the dead he knew. It was then The Associated Press

first encountered him.

He said 14 of his relatives were killed: His sister, her three children, his uncle and aunt and their two sons and daughter, who all had children of their own.

"They were humans, they died without any reason," he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gambia police exhume bodies of coup plotters

BANJUL, Gambia (AP)—Police investigators in Gambia have exhumed the bodies of three men who were killed while taking part in an attempted coup in December 2014. The exhumations are meant to shed light on the circumstances of their deaths and to allow the families to have a proper burial, police said. The action taken by police was reportedly prompted by intelligence received from members of the death squad of Gambia's former President Yahya Jammeh who ruled for more than 22 years. U.S. national guard member Njaga Jagne, former Gambian presidential guard commander Col. Lamin Sanneh and Jaja Nyass were allegedly killed during a shootout after an attempt on Dec. 30, 2014 to overthrow former President

Jammeh, police spokesman Foday Conta said.

Dubai police say they arrest hackers after White House staff

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Dubai police arrested foreign hackers in 2015 who targeted five senior Obama White House officials in a blackmail email scam and plan to turn them over to U.S. authorities after they complete their prison sentences, state-owned media reported Monday. The Arabic-language Al Bayan newspaper and the television channel Dubai One reported the arrests, while Dubai police did not answer repeated calls for comment. The arrests come as the United Arab Emirates, which hosts some 4,000 U.S. troops fighting the Islamic State group, remains a crucial re-

gional ally. The White House had no immediate comment on the reports.

Drunk pilot sentenced to 8 months in jail in Canada

CALGARY, Alberta (AP)—An airline pilot who was so drunk he appeared to pass out in the cockpit before takeoff was sentenced on Monday to eight months in jail in Canada. Miroslav Gronych, 37, pleaded guilty last month to having care and control of an aircraft while he had a blood alcohol level three times the legal limit. The Slovakian pilot was escorted off a Sunwing Airlines plane in Calgary on Dec. 31 before a flight scheduled to end in Cancun, Mexico. The court heard that when Gronych got on the plane, he struggled to hang up his coat, was slurring his words and was staggering.

Fewer missing but more dead as rivers recede in Colombia

MOCOA, Colombia (AP)—Search teams were still digging and probing into dense piles of mud and debris Monday, refusing to give up the search for survivors of the deadliest floods in the recent history of this Colombian city.

Three days after floodwaters rushed through the city of Mocoa, Colombian authorities say will check any report of movement that could be a sign of life and are not yet ready

to concede that it is too late find anyone alive from the list of the more than 200 people missing. Still, time is clearly running out.

"We do not like to create false expectations but where there is a possibility of life we will do everything possible," said Carlos Ivan Marquez, director of Colombia's National Unit of Disaster and Risk Management.

Late Monday, Deputy Inte-

rior Minister Guillermo Rivera said the death toll had increased to 273. It is likely to rise further as the rivers recede and more human remains emerge.

Much of Mocoa was strewn with rocks, tree limbs, debris and brown muck after heavy rain caused at least three of six rivers that surround Mocoa to rise up and surge through the city of 40,000 in southern Colombia Friday night and early Saturday as people slept.

Life & Style

'Gifted' unites Chris Evans with a new young leading lady

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chris Evans glows around his new leading lady, who makes no secret of her excitement at hanging out with Captain America. She gushingly talks up his talents ("He can tap dance!"), yet is just as quick to keep him honest when he says something questionable.

She also travels with a se-

lection of stuffed animals, including a plush seal in a pink dress.

Evans' latest co-star is 10-year-old actress McKenna Grace. They star together in "Gifted," a family drama opening Friday about an unassuming single guy raising his math-prodigy niece, determined not to let her brilliance interfere with her childhood.



AP
In this March 23, 2017 photo, Chris Evans, left, and McKenna Grace, cast members in the film "Gifted," pose for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles. Evans stars as a single guy raising his math-prodigy niece, played by Grace.

family and amazing lifestyle.

"This experience is so wonderful and it makes me so thankful for my life. I'm gifted that I have my family here to support me and that I'm here right now with Chris," she said, adding, "Well, every job could be my last, you know?"

As for Evans' gifts? McKenna's got that covered, too.

"He has lots of secret talents," she said. "He can tap dance! Though he still has not tap danced for me."

Evans sheepishly admits that yes, he does tap dance.

"I'm looking to tap dance in a movie," the actor said. "I want to find one! Maybe a nice Gene Kelly biopic."

Bill O'Reilly, ex-Fox chief hit with more sexual allegations

NEW YORK

(AP)—A Fox News contributor came forward to level more sexual-harassment allegations against deposed chief executive Roger Ailes on Monday, O'Reilly



Rights Commission to investigate O'Reilly's behavior.

The new lawsuit against Ailes was brought by Fox's Julie Roginsky and is notable because it accuses Fox's

current management of trying to cover up for Ailes.

Roginsky said Ailes, who lost his job last summer following sexual-harassment complaints he has denied, suggested she have sex with "older, married, conservative men." She said Ailes would insist upon a kiss hello at their meetings, requiring her to bend over so he could look down her dress.

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Though Evans is an uncle in real life (his eldest sister has three kids, ages 3, 5 and 7), he says he bonded in a different way with McKenna: as colleagues. Evans and "Gifted" director Marc Webb ("The Amazing Spider-Man") saw dozens of girls read for the role, and McKenna stood out

with her childlike charm yet old-soul maturity.

"She might as well have an apartment," he said. "I'm telling you, I've met lesser pros in adults."

The 10-year-old actress—also a regular on TV's "Designated Survivor"—is the kind of professional who asks if

she can bring her stuffed seal along while promoting her new film. She also has a plush cat with her at this interview, noting she's allergic to real cats.

McKenna says she isn't a math whiz like her character in "Gifted." Instead, she feels like she's gifted with a great

Harrison Ford won't face any penalties over runway incident

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Harrison Ford will not face any penalties over mistakenly landing on a taxiway at a Southern California airport earlier this year, the actor's attorney said Monday.

Attorney Stephen Hofer wrote in a statement that the Federal Aviation Administration will not fine Ford and the actor will retain his pilot's license without restriction.

"The FAA conducted a full investigation into the matter, including an interview with Mr.

Ford, and determined that no administrative or enforcement action was warranted," Hofer wrote.

Ford mistakenly landed on a taxiway at John Wayne Airport in Orange County on Feb. 13 after flying over an American Airlines jet that was waiting to take off.

"I'm the schmuck who landed on the taxiway," Ford told an air traffic controller shortly after the landing. Recordings



Ford

of Ford's conversations with air traffic controllers were released Friday by the Federal Aviation Administration, and video previously released by the airport showed the actor's

Aviat Husky plane from behind as it descends toward the airfield where the American Airlines Boeing 737 is slowly taxiing.

Ford told an air traffic controller after the incident that he

"got distracted by the airliner" and also mentioned "big turbulence" from another plane that was landing.

The FAA confirmed it had concluded its investigation into the incident, but the agency said it does not comment on individual pilots.

Ford cooperated with investigators, has been a licensed pilot for more than 20 years with more 5,000 hours of flight experience, and has never been the subject of an FAA enforcement action, Hofer said.

Wife in sexless marriage is looking for a way out

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for three years. We are both retired. Five months after the wedding, my husband let me know that he wasn't interested in having sex anymore. We no longer share a bedroom. He's overweight, not in the best of health, and refuses to change his diet or exercise.

I feel like I am living with a very nice male friend. Other than the lack of affection, he isn't a bad person and he pays all the bills. I did state clearly to him before we were married what I was looking for in a husband, and he agreed to everything I said. Although I am lonely, I would never cheat on him.

I have been thinking about an exit plan. We pray every night and attend church together. He refuses to consider any type of marriage counseling. I'm not stressed, but I know I must get out of here. Any suggestions on how to save this marriage?

THE EXIT PLAN

DEAR EXIT: The answer to your question is no. You made clear to your husband that sex in a marriage was important to you. You say he "agreed to everything." Because that was not the truth and you were misled, consult an attorney to find out if the marriage can be annulled.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. We are both in our 50s. Six months ago, I found him with nail polish on his toes. When I asked him about it, he explained

that it started in his 20s when a girlfriend painted his toes, and he liked it. He has been painting his toes ever since. He said he doesn't wear polish all the time, but he does it for himself and he likes how it looks. I asked if he was a cross-dresser, and he assured me he isn't.

I'm not sure how I should feel about this. I'm writing for opinions from you and others. I can't turn to my friends because I don't want this to become small-town gossip.

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DEAR PAINTED: You asked for an opinion, so here's mine. Frankly, I'm surprised it has taken you 10 years to notice this. Because your husband enjoys painting his toenails, look the other way and don't obsess about it. We all have quirks, and what he's doing is harmless.

P.S. I have it on good authority that he isn't the only man who does it.

DEAR ABBY: I am estranged from my son because he changed his last name when he married. He did it over my objection. Reportedly, his wife's parents tried to dissuade them from doing it, too. The explanation we were given was "they need to have the same last name to feel like a family." I suppose our last name was not acceptable, although they claimed they had nothing against it.

I tried to compromise and suggested my son use a hyphen-

DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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ated name. They agreed to it, but changed their minds after the wedding. I suspect that their reason was they want their children to have a different last name than ours.

What is your take on this? Am I overreacting by wanting to have nothing to do with them?

MOM OF ANOTHER NAME

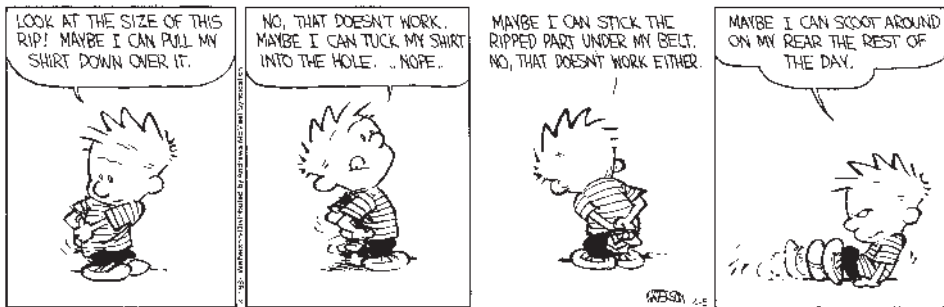
DEAR MOM: Yes, you are overreacting. If you keep this up, your grandchildren will miss out on a loving grandma. It is possible that your son and his wife preferred a name that was less ethnic or easier to spell. Hyphenating names can create problems—especially if it continues into the next generation.

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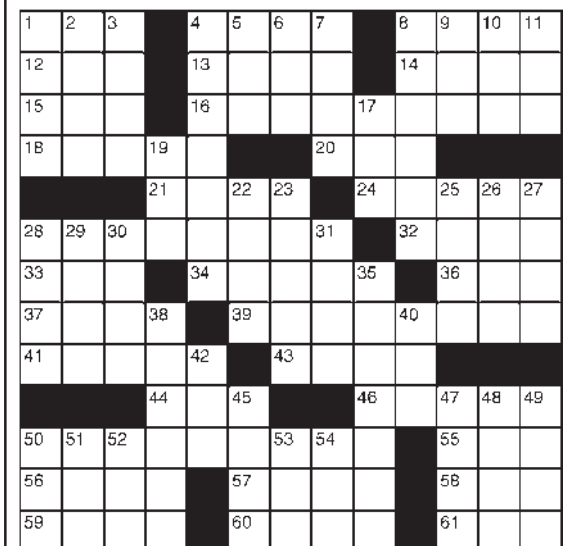
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18 Rice recipe
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2 LP player
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4 "You cheated!"
5 Crow's cry
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8 Dorothy's friend
9 Scepter
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17 Contented sound
19 Swiss peak
22 "So —" ("Amen")
23 Garbage barges
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28 Head, to Henri
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the plunge and get going. What you do will far exceed talking about what you plan to do. Look at your objectives and simplify your plans. Staying focused and concentrating on your goal will bring good results. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Anxiety will set in if you let the little things get to you. Give others the freedom you expect to be given in return. Balance, integrity and sticking to a plan will benefit you the most. Avoid emotional debates. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Bring about positive changes. Get involved with a partner or join a group that shares your values and goals, and you will avoid pressure from large organizations or authority figures. Going through the proper channels will lead to greater opportunities. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't feel the need to donate to a cause just because someone else does. Pick and choose where your money goes. Joint ventures will result

in disagreements. Put more time and effort into self-improvements and professional gains. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your emotions will get the better of you if you let someone's rhetoric coax you into a debate. Your best defense is to take action, not face off in a verbal war that will only make matters worse. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will be open and forthright with you. Don't let someone's big dreams persuade you to take part in a risky venture. Hard work, dedication and playing by the rules will get you much further ahead. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnerships look promising if you are willing to compromise and support one another. A practical approach to financial spending will spare you the stress of unnecessary debt. Listen to good advice and practice moderation. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your emotions on the backburner before they get you into trouble. Speaking up about how you feel or what your plans are will not end well. Taking the time to prepare and plan your next move will be crucial to your success. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay focused on what's important to your advancement. Don't let personal matters or an unstable relationship with someone cloud your vision or cause you to take a pass on something you really should pursue. Financial gains are within reach. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful when dealing with partners or while traveling with people who have a different perspective than you. It's important to be respectful of others' beliefs, but that doesn't mean you should become a follower. Do your own thing. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions will surface if you don't agree with the protocol being enforced at work or within your peer group. Don't feel pressured to take part in something you don't agree with. Formulate a new plan that is beneficial to everyone involved. ★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might want to reconsider your vocational goals. Don't let an uncomfortable situation lead to making an untimely professional move. Look for opportunities and develop a strategy that favors advancement. Avoid emotional setbacks. ★★★

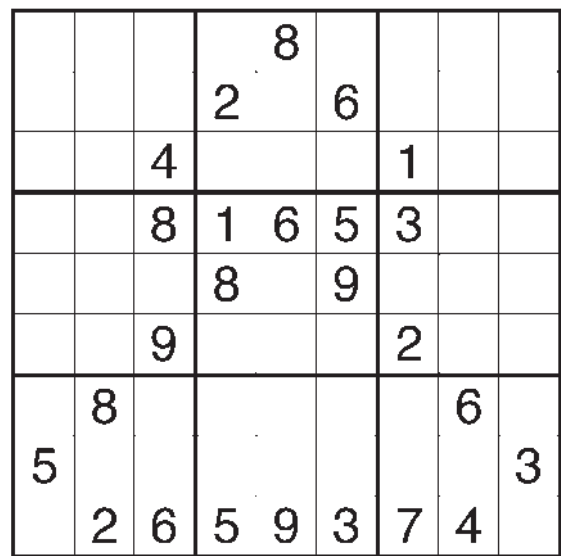
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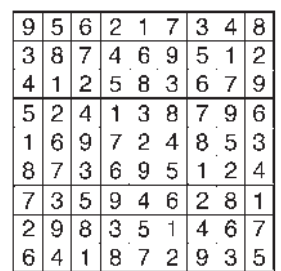


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Tar Heels take title over Gonzaga in ugly game

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP)—It's OK, Carolina, you can open your eyes.

An unwatchable game turned into a beautiful night for the Tar Heels, who turned a free-throw contest into a championship they've been waiting an entire year to celebrate.

Justin Jackson delivered the go-ahead 3-point play with 1:40 left Monday and North Carolina pulled away for a 71-65 win over Gonzaga that washed away a year's worth of heartache.

It was, in North Carolina's words, a redemption tour - filled with extra time on the practice court and the weight room, all fueled by a devastating loss in last year's title game on Kris Jenkins' 3-point dagger at the buzzer for Villanova.

"Just unreal that we get a second chance at this," junior Theo Pinson said, recounting a pre-game conversation with teammate Joel Berry II. "Not a lot of people can say they can do that. I told him, 'We're about to take this thing. I'm about to give everything I got.' I knew he would, too. We just didn't want to come up short again."

But to say everything went right for Roy Williams' team at this Final Four would be less than the truth.

The Tar Heels (33-7) followed a terrible-shooting night in the semifinal with an equally ice-cold performance in the final - going 4 for 27 from 3-point land and 26 for 73 overall.

Gonzaga, helped by 8 straight points from Nigel Williams-Goss, took a 2-point lead with 1:52 left, but the next possession was the game-changer.

Jackson took a zinger of a pass under the basket from Pinson and converted the shot, then the ensuing free throw to take the lead for good. Moments later, Williams-Goss twisted an ankle and could not elevate for a jumper that would've given the Bulldogs the lead.

Isaiah Hicks made a basket to push the lead to 3, then Kennedy Meeks, in foul trouble all night (who wasn't?), blocked Williams-Goss' shot and Jackson got a slam on the other end to put some icing on title No. 6 for the Tar Heels.

Williams got his third championship, putting him one ahead of his mentor, Dean Smith, and now behind only John Wooden, Mike Krzyzewski and Adolph Rupp.

"I think of Coach Smith, there's no question," Williams said. "I don't think I should be mentioned in the same sentence with him. But



we got three because I've got these guys with me and that's all I care about right now - my guys."

Berry recovered from ankle injuries to lead the Tar Heels, but needed 19 shots for his

22 points. Jackson had 16 but went 0 for 9 from 3. Overall, the Tar Heels actually shot a percentage point worse than they did in Saturday night's win



over Oregon.

Thank goodness for free throws.

They went 15 for 26 from the line and, in many corners, this game will

be remembered for these three men: Michael Stephens, Verne Harris and Mike Eades, the referees who called 27 fouls in the second half, completely busted up the flow of the game and sent Meeks, Gonzaga's

Despite 2 bad ankles, Berry named outstanding player

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP)—Joel Berry II headed a trio of players for national champion North Carolina named to the all-tournament team for the Final Four.

Berry, hobbled by two bad ankles, played well enough in the championship game Monday night after a clunker in the semifinals to be named the outstanding player of the Final Four.

Berry was joined by teammates Kennedy Meeks and Justin Jackson.

Runner-up Gonzaga had the other two players on the team—Nigel Williams-Goss and Zach Collins.

The players were selected after no one played particularly well in what Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said was an "ugly" 71-65 win for North Carolina over Gonzaga.

The all-tournament players had bad offensive numbers, but better than everyone else.

North Carolina shot 34 percent from the field in the foul-riddled championship game, Gonzaga 36 percent.

Berry was 2-for-14 shooting in North Carolina's 77-76 semifinal win over Oregon but was somewhat better in the title contest, going 7 for

19 from the field but 4 for 13 from 3-point range.

He did have six assists and one turnover in 37 minutes.

Meeks had 25 points and 14 rebounds in the semifinal win but seven points and 10 boards against the Zags.

Jackson scored 22 points and made four of nine 3-pointers in the semifinal but his long-range shooting touch vanished Monday night, when he was 6-for-6 on 2-pointers but 0-for-9 on 3s.

Williams-Goss scored 23 points in the semifinal win over South Carolina. But like just about everyone else, he couldn't find the basket consistently on Monday, making 5 of 17 shots and scoring 15 points.

Collins was the hero in the semifinals, sinking the 3-pointer to put the Bulldogs ahead for good and finishing with 13 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Monday night, he played just 14 minutes due to foul trouble. He had nine points and seven rebounds but fouled out with 5:03 to play.

Bradley to join NBA draft

Meanwhile, North Carolina freshman big man Tony Brad-

ley says he will declare for the NBA draft to test the waters and wouldn't rule out the possibility of hiring an agent.

Bradley spoke after the Tar Heels beat Gonzaga on Monday night to win their sixth NCAA championship. Bradley says he's "100 percent" on taking advantage of rules making it easier for prospects to work out for teams while maintaining their eligibility provided they don't hire an agent.

Asked whether he would hire an agent, Bradley said: "I haven't decided yet. I might."

The 6-foot-11, 240-pound forward from Bartow, Florida had 5 points and seven rebounds against the Zags. He averaged 7.1 points and 5.1 rebounds while shooting 57 percent as a reserve.

Missed call helps UNC

The official was right there standing over the play.

North Carolina's Kennedy Meeks and Gonzaga's Silas Melson were on the floor trying to corral a rebound with 53 seconds left in the NCAA championship game with the Tar Heels up by one Monday night.

Referee Mike Eades called a held ball and North Carolina retained possession, and then

North Carolina's Kennedy Meeks places his right hand outside of the line as he and Gonzaga's Silas Melson (0) battle for a loose ball during the second half in the finals of the Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 3, 2017, in Glendale, Ariz.

7-footers Przemek Karnowski and Zach Collins, and a host of others to the bench in foul trouble.

The game "featured" 52 free throws. Both teams were in the bonus with 13 minutes left. Somehow, Collins was the only player to foul out.

Most bizarre sequence: With 8:02 left, Berry got called for a foul for (maybe) making contact with Karnowski and stripping the ball from the big man's hands. But as Karnowski was flailing after the ball, he inadvertently grabbed Berry around the neck. After a long delay, the refs called Karnowski for a flagrant foul of his own.

"I'm not going to talk about refs," Karnowski said. "It was just a physical game."

Zags coach Mark Few handled it with class, calling the refs "three of the best officials in the entire country," and insisting they did a fine job.

He might have wanted further review on the scrum with 50 seconds left. The refs were taking heat on social media for calling a held ball, which gave possession to the Tar Heels, on a pile-up underneath the Carolina basket. It set up the Hicks layup to put Carolina ahead by 3. One problem: Meeks' right hand looks to be very much touching out of bounds while he's trying to rip away the ball.

"That was probably on me," Few said. "From my angle, it didn't look like an out of bounds situation or I would have called a review. That's tough to hear."

The Bulldogs (37-2), the Cinderella-turned-Godzilla team from the small school in the West Coast Conference, tried to keep the big picture in mind. Twenty years ago, this sort of run at that sort of place looked virtually impossible. With less than 2 minutes left, they had the lead in the national title game.

"We broke the glass ceiling everyone said we couldn't break," junior forward Johnathan Williams said.

And North Carolina got over a hump that, at times this season, felt like a mountain.

"They wanted redemption," Williams said. "I put it on the locker room up on the board - one of the things we had to be tonight was tough enough. I think this group was tough enough tonight."



WASHINGTON (AP)—Adam Lind's first swing as a member of the Nationals resulted in a pinch-hit, go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning, and Bryce Harper went deep on opening day for the fifth time in his young career, leading Washington past the Miami Marlins 4-2 on Monday.

Stephen Strasburg (1-0) earned the win, allowing two runs and six hits in seven innings, pitching out of the stretch the whole way. It was his return to action after missing last September and the playoffs with a right elbow injury.

Matt Wieters singled ahead of Lind's drive off David Phelps (0-1) that made it 3-2.

Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2

In Baltimore, Mark Trumbo homered off Jason Grilli (0-1) with two outs in the 11th inning in a rematch of last year's AL wild card playoff, won by Toronto 5-2 on an 11th-inning home run by Edwin Encarnacion.

Tyler Wilson (1-0), the fourth Baltimore reliever, pitched one shutout inning in the 25th Camden Yards opener.

Mets 6, Braves 0

In New York, Noah Syndergaard struck out seven over six sharp innings in his first opening day start for New York before leaving with a blister, Asdrubal Cabrera snapped a seventh-inning tie with a single and the Mets broke through following a pivotal replay reversal at the plate in which Wilmer Flores initially was called out.

New York took advantage of five walks by a shaky Braves bullpen in a six-run bottom of the seventh that lasted 35 minutes. Curtis Granderson had a sacrifice fly and Lucas Duda busted the game open with a three-run double off Eric O'Flaherty.

Red Sox 5, Pirates 3

In Boston, rookie Andrew

Harper powers Nationals past Marlins



Washington Nationals right fielder Bryce Harper makes a diving catch on a fly ball during the sixth inning of the opening baseball game against the Miami Marlins in Washington, Monday, April 3, 2017.

and the Indians went ahead against Sam Dyson. Carlos Santana added an RBI double and scored on Michael Brantley's single.

Astros 3, Marines 0

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel (1-0) allowed two hits over seven innings, Luke Gregerson and Ken Giles completed the three-hitter and Houston won its fifth straight opener.

George Springer became Houston's first player since Terry Puhl in 1980 to lead off the first game with a home run. Carlos Correa homered and drove in two runs.

Felix Hernandez (0-1), making his 10th opening day start, allowed two runs and five hits while striking out six in five innings before leaving with tightness in a groin.

Athletics 4, Angels 2

In Oakland, Khris Davis hit a go-ahead homer in the sixth and connected again leading off the eighth to lead Oakland past Anaheim.

Davis had just the second multihomer game on opening day in Oakland history—Jason Giambi did it in 2000—to back Kendall Graveman (1-0). The right-hander struck out seven over six innings.

Mike Trout hit a two-run homer in the third inning for the Angels, then Yonder Alonso's RBI single in the fifth tied it at 2.

Davis, who dealt with a sore quadriceps muscle leading up to the opener, connected first against Angels starter Ricky Nolasco (0-1) then JC Ramirez for his 12th career multihomer game.

Benintendi hit a three-run homer off Gerrit Cole (0-1) that capped a five-run fifth inning as Boston began its post-David Ortiz era.

Rick Porcello (1-0) gave up three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings while striking out five. Craig Kimbrel retired Starling Marte on a game-ending pop-up with two on for the save.

Rockies 7, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Bud Black won his debut as Colorado manager, and Greg Holland got a save in his first game with the Rockies.

Mark Reynolds homered, had three RBI and scored the tying run in a two-run seventh following two defensive lapses by Milwaukee.

Milwaukee's Junior Guerra left his first opening-day start in the big leagues after three innings with a strained right

calf, grimacing as he broke out of the batter's box after laying down a bunt. The right-hander will go on the disabled list.

Twins 7, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sano homered and drew the third bases-loaded walk during a dreadful seventh inning for Kansas City's bullpen, and the Twins won an opener for the first time in nine years.

Ervin Santana (1-0) gave up two hits and two walks while striking out three over seven innings, aided by two diving catches of sinking line drives by center fielder Byron Buxton.

Matt Strahm (0-1) and Travis Wood allowed four runners while recording only one out.

Phillies 4, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Cesar Hernandez opened the Phillies' season with a homer on Cincin-

nati's eighth pitch, and Jeremy Hellickson drove in a run with his first career triple.

Hellickson (1-0) pitched into the sixth, allowing a run and six hits, and he also contributed his RBI triple in the sixth. Right fielder Scott Schebler failed to make a diving catch of his two-out liner, letting the ball get by him as Hellickson chugged across an infield turned muddy by several innings of rain.

Jeanmar Gomez gave up Scooter Gennett's two-out, two-run homer in the ninth before retiring Billy Hamilton on a routine fly for the save.

Dodgers 14, Padres 3

In Los Angeles, Joc Pederson launched a grand slam and the Dodgers backed Clayton Kershaw with a franchise-record four home runs on opening day.

Pederson drove in five runs,

Yasmani Grandal homered twice and Corey Seager added a three-run shot.

Kershaw (1-0) allowed two runs—one earned—and two hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked none in his seventh consecutive opening day start.

Jhoulys Chacin (0-1) gave up nine runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings in his Padres debut.

Indians 8, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Abraham Almonte singled in the go-ahead run in a three-run ninth as Cleveland won the opener of its AL title defense.

Making his first opening-day start for Texas, Yu Darvish had a 5-1 lead behind Rougned Odor, who homered twice and drove in four runs.

Edwin Encarnacion tied the score 5-5 with an eighth-inning homer off Matt Bush,

As the NBA season winds down, so many races are undecided

MIAMI (AP)—With just over a week left in the NBA regular season, there's still a ton to be decided before the playoff field is set.

In the East, four spots remain unclaimed. In the West, two are up for grabs. And while some seedings look wrapped up, none are officially clinched.

Want drama? It's not hard to find.

"To be in competition like this, it's a privilege," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Monday was a most-needed day for most of the NBA to catch its breath. The league always tries to avoid scheduling games on the day of the

NCAA men's championship game and would have done so this year if a Portland-Minnesota game didn't have to be postponed because of floor conditions earlier this season.

Things pick up in earnest again Tuesday.

So to get ready for the final nine days of the season as teams make their playoff chases.

Timberwolves 110, Trail Blazers 109

In Minneapolis, as Karl-Anthony Towns powered through Portland's smaller frontcourt, the Trail Blazers found out just how much they're going to miss big man Jusuf Nurkic down the stretch.

Towns had 34 points and 12 rebounds and the Minnesota Timberwolves snapped Portland's six-game winning streak with a victory over the Trail Blazers on Monday night.

It was the second game for Portland without Nurkic, who galvanized the team after coming over in a trade from Denver at the deadline.

He will miss at least the rest of the regular season with a fractured right leg, leaving the Blazers to battle big frontcourts in San Antonio, Utah and one more time against Minnesota without him and just a 1 1/2-game cushion on Denver for the eighth seed in the Western Conference.

"There's a lot of good gigs out there, and we're thin right now. We've got Meyers (Leonard) and (Al-Farouq Aminu), who's not really a five," C.J. McCollum said. "So we're in a tough position, but it's not an excuse. We've got to go out there and play and make the best of it."

Damian Lillard scored 25 points but made just 7 of 21 shots, including 3 of 11 3-pointers. His potential game-winning pull-up jumper at the buzzer glanced off the rim.

Andrew Wiggins scored 29 points and Ricky Rubio had 11 points, 16 assists and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves, who bounced

back from an ugly home loss to Sacramento that eliminated them from postseason contention on Saturday.

"They're playing small, we have a big who can guard smalls and play like a big at the other end," Rubio said of Towns. "That's big for us."

Aminu scored 20 points and Maurice Harkless had 17 points, eight rebounds and a big block of a Rubio drive that gave the Blazers the ball back with 4.9 seconds to play.

Lillard got a clean look, but couldn't knock it down and Portland missed a golden chance to pad its lead on Denver in a tense race.

The Blazers beat lowly

Phoenix in their first game without Nurkic and went super-small on Monday against the Wolves with Aminu and Harkless seeing some time at center.

The sleek lineup put the Blazers in control with a 34-point second quarter, but the 7-foot Towns had his way in the fourth. He scored 14 points in the period, including a big dunk for a 110-106 lead with 35 seconds to go.

"We just had a hard time," Lillard said. "Guys competed hard on him. We made it as hard as we could on him, but he's very good and he's going to score points. That's what happened."

Pacific Ocean Cup VII Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



MP United Blue and Paire players and game officials shake hands before the start of the title game in the Pacific Ocean Cup VII last Sunday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



MP United Blue's Rohan Basnet, right, steps in to play defense against Paire's Erin Frink.



MP United Blue's Garrett Weaver, left, goes one-on-one against Paire goalie Casey Chambers.



MP United Blue's Cody Shimizu, left, kicks the ball.



Paire's Max Church uses his knee to control the ball.



Paire's Dylan Mister, right, goes for a header.



Paire's Maui Johnson, right, and MP United Blue's Cody Shimizu chase the ball.



MP United's Rohan Basnet, center, is up against two Paire defenders.



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Mariana Resort stays alive



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Mariana Resort forced a do-or-die game against TanHoldings following an 89-80 victory in Game 2 of their finals showdown in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Monday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

After a monumental collapse in the series opener last Friday, Mariana Resort showed poised in Game 2 to tie the short series, which will be decided tonight as the opposing teams collide in the rubber match at 7pm.



the last one in the final two minutes and change of Game 2. TanHoldings moved within four, 81-77, with 2:21 left, but Mariana Resort countered

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Brel, Lizama still lead in SBL

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Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J. Lizama and Go See Mark's Jesse Brel are still

on top of the pitching and batting races in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League.

Brel kept the No. 1 spot in the batting contest with his .520 average. He went 13-for-25 at bat at the conclusion of Round 1 of the two-round robin regular season and is the lone batter to average over .500.

The Bears' Frank Lizama is ranked second with his .500 (14-for-28) while Titanium's Jerald Cabrera (.480/12-for-25), Comets' Jobe Reyes (.462/12-for-26), and the Falcons' Giovanni Mira (.417/10-for-24) rounded out the Top 5. The BSI Aces' Lamarc Iguel,



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The Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J. Lizama gets a high-five from his teammates during their first round game against the BSI Aces in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Titanium's Jhace Palacios, and the Bears' Angel Palacios are the other batters to average at least .400, while 12 other play-

ers made it to the leaderboard, which was based on 21 or more times at bat.

The BSI Aces' Jesus Iguel is at No. 13 in the batting race, but No. 1 in the runs with his 15. Closing in is Titanium's Patrick Tenorio with his 13, while Brel, Lamarc, and Cabrera had 12 each. The D-9ers' Roke Tenorio is ahead in doubles with five, while A.J. Lizama is in second with three. A.J.'s teammate Henry has the most triples so far with two, tying the BSI Aces' John Tudela, GSM's Tenorio, and the Falcond' Bradley Lieto.

In the homer category, only Mira and GSM's Pat Alepuyo has rounded the bases with one home run each, while A.J. Lizama and Nokkie Saralu of GSM are also in a deadlock in the RBI category with 11 each. GSM teammates Tyrone Omar and Tenorio are in sec-

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Shirley's bags U15 crown; TanHoldings boosts title bid

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Shirley's Football Club clinched the girls U15 division championship, while TanHoldings FC zeroed in on the co-ed U12 title in the NMIFA Youth Spring League.

Shirley's secured the division crown after a 2-0 victory over TanHoldings last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field. Shirley's fin-



ished the round-robin spring season with a perfect 6-0-0 record. Lilian Podziewski and Katherine Magat scored the two goals for Shirley's, which gained its fifth straight title in the age group.

In the two other matches in the division, Southern United and MP United ended the season on a winning note. Southern pulled off a 1-0 win over Paire FC, while MP United downed Matansa, 5-0.

MP United was ranked third in the division with its 3-1-2 win-draw-loss record, behind Kanoa (5-0-1). Southern, which joined the girls U15 competition for the first time, placed fourth with its 2-1-3 slate, winning its last two games. Paire (2-0-4), TanHoldings (1-0-5), and Matansa (1-0-5) completed the field.

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A Shirley's FC player, right, dribbles past a Southern United defender during their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field last month.